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Eureka City Schools and the Muppet Man

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About a week after the Eureka City Schools board blindsided the public by approving an unusual land exchange agreement to offload its old Jacobs Middle School campus in a \$6 million deal, the details of which were disclosed just an hour or so before the vote, it issued a press release pledging that it is “committed to transparency and accountability in all its operations.”

Yet, three months later, as questions continue to mount about the exchange and what it might mean for students, families, neighbors and the city, the board’s members aren’t answering questions, or even showing up to hear them asked. Instead, the elected officials who decided to approve the agreement are directing questions to the district’s new superintendent, who took over the position after the deal was signed. It hardly seems like transparency or accountability.

Documents released to the *Journal* pursuant to a public records request indicate virtually no paper trail exists documenting how a newly minted corporation — AMG Communities-Jacobs, LLC — came to the bargaining table, or indicating the district did any due diligence to determine who is behind the corporation or whether they have the resources to make good on the deal. Current Superintendent Gary Storts, who took over for the retiring Fred Van Vleck just days after the board’s Dec. 14 approval of the agreement, has told the *Journal* the district has only communicated with AMG’s attorneys and doesn’t know who its principals are, saying its “understanding is that AMG is an investment group.” Asked what due diligence was conducted to ensure AMG can come up with the cash needed to close the transaction, Storts said the California Education Code doesn’t require a district to vet the financials of a party to a real estate transaction.

Asked why the district chose not to require an “earnest money” down payment — which commonly run 1 percent to 5 percent of the total sales price in commercial real estate transactions, and sometimes reach 10 percent, which would range from \$60,000 to \$600,000 for the Jacobs agreement — Storts did not answer directly. He did, however, point out the exchange agreement required a \$1,000 non-refundable payment from AMG.

It’s worth pausing here to consider what the average local buyer would need to do to purchase a \$200,000 home. Customarily, they’d need to first identify themselves, then present a pre-approval letter for a loan, or at least bank statements and paystubs indicating they’d be able to qualify for one. They’d likely need to provide a good-faith down payment — which would typically run \$2,000 to \$6,000 — at the time of signing the purchase agreement. Why is all this required? Because most sellers want to make sure a buyer can and intends to close the deal and ensure they won’t simply walk away.

AMG Communities-Jacobs, LLC’s principals, meanwhile, did not jump through any of these hoops and have declined requests to talk about the project or even be identified, leaving the public to wonder who these mystery buyers are and what motivated them to swoop in with an expedited offer valued at roughly \$2 million more than the previous highest bid the district had in hand. The LLC’s spokespeople and attorneys have repeatedly cited “attorney-client” privilege in declining to answer specific questions.

It’s also worth noting that crafting this agreement — which promises a \$5.35 million cash payment to the district and a small home with an accessory dwelling unit on I Street as compensation for the 8-acre Jacobs site — as a property exchange allowed the district to circumvent a legal process for divesting of public land.

When selling surplus land, a school district must first make it available to other public agencies. If a deal can’t be reached, the district can then get the property appraised to determine fair market value and offer it for sale to a variety of other public entities for a set time frame. If no deal is reached in that window, only then can the district offer the property for sale to the public through a competitive bidding process.

The purpose of these laws — of making public agencies jump through all these hoops when getting rid of publicly owned land — is to protect the public interest. After all, if a private landowner wants to sell off a property on a whim, that’s on them, but a vacant school site represents a significant public investment, so the law is designed to protect taxpayers.

The Eureka City Schools board chose to

circumvent those laws by entering into what is nominally a property exchange, though 90 percent of its value is a cash payment.

There is certainly an argument that the property exchange agreement is in the best interests of the district’s students. If it comes to fruition, it will generate \$2 million more in revenue than the California Highway Patrol’s \$4 million purchase offer would have for a cash-strapped district and its students. No matter the consternation of neighbors’ who wanted to welcome the CHP, that’s a defensible decision for a school board.

What’s much harder to defend, however, is the board’s rush to approve this agreement with virtually no public discussion, review or input, and seemingly without its staff having done any due diligence. And what’s absolutely indefensible is a board doing all of the above while touting its commitment to transparency and then hiding behind its staff when asked about it.

The bottom line is we don’t know who is behind AMG Communities-Jacobs, LLC or what their plans are. We know the LLC shares the same out-of-town lawyer as a ballot initiative and lawsuits seeking to block the city of Eureka’s efforts to convert downtown and Old Town parking lots into housing. But maybe that’s a coincidence. Maybe it’s some-

one looking to build low-income housing, or perhaps a righteous group of developers who will build whatever the community dreams up as the property’s highest and best use. Whatever the case, the secrecy doesn’t inspire confidence.

We’re reminded of the slapstick shtick in Jim Henson’s *The Muppet Show*, in which the furry creatures would stand on one another’s shoulders, throw on a suit or a trench coat, and stagger and stumble around impersonating a human as Muppet Man. At the moment, that’s AMG Communities-Jacobs LLC: its true identity, intent and means hidden. And that’s the Eureka City School board members’ fault, as the duty was theirs to protect the public interest, to make sure the district isn’t getting taken for a ride by someone with ulterior motives or whose aspirations have grown beyond their means.

Eventually, this Muppet Man will likely be stripped of its disguise, either through some grand reveal or because it has listed too far this way or that, its members tumbling forth. Or perhaps it will just disappear, its pockets a mere \$1,000 lighter.

Regardless, Eureka voters should not forget their school board members’ utter lack of transparency when selling off a publicly owned asset. ●

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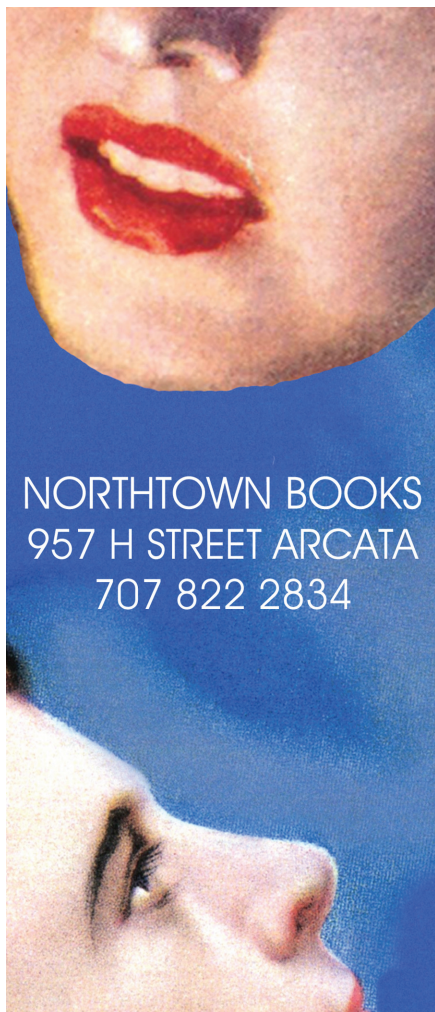
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Raccoon Life

Editor:

Thanks to Jennifer Fumiko Cahill for putting this grumpy old man in touch with his inner "raccoon self." ("Wishful Weed for 2024," March 14.) I always enjoy her writing, but this time she spoke to me directly. I wonder how many of us there are out there?

Robert Argenbright, McKinleyville

The Other 'Overwhelming'

Editor:

According to the NCJ's feature coverage, ("After A," March 14): "Humboldt County voters overwhelmingly rejected Measure A ... [with] ... just 27 percent ... in support."

In fact, as of March 14, the overwhelming voice among Humboldt County's estimated 110,903 voting age population was the 82 percent that abstained.

The final post-election report will slightly increase turnout to around 30 percent, a figure unchanged since former U.S. President Jimmy Carter announced it as "the biggest threat to democracy" in his prophetic 1979 energy independence speech. (U.S. officials and media often describe abysmal turnout in other nations as being "illegitimate.")

Awareness is a prerequisite for reform.

There are no laws preventing our recently elected Registrar of Voters Juan Pablo Cervantes from including actual turnout of our voting age population somewhere in every election report, voter guide, media announcements and website, especially considering that this overwhelming majority is also funding Humboldt elections.

Self-censoring "the biggest threat to democracy" decade after decade is evident in 50 years of government economic austerity measures, divesting, deregulating and privatizing essential public services, herding millions of families into high-interest pay-

Lingerings

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— Kirk Gothier

ment plans to access basic services culminating in today's personal debt crisis from family illnesses, housing, "public" university tuition, transportation and placing a parent into a 24/7 senior care community.

Families' declining purchasing power, used to secure fundamental services, has collapsed demand for production and employment, raising inflation and collapsing the local and national economy.

How many more shuttered storefronts sheltering the homeless and predatory businesses turning the poor into the destitute will it take before we begin electing representatives with the courage to say "no more?"

George Clark, Eureka

Correction

The story headlined "After A" in the March 14, 2024, edition of the *North Coast Journal* included inaccurate information about Assembly Bill 1111, which would allow direct cannabis sales at special events. If the bill passes, cannabis farmers would still need to work with a licensed distributor at the events, just not a retailer. The *Journal* regrets the error.

Write a Letter!

Please make your letter no more than 300 words and include your full name, place of residence and phone number (we won't print your number). Send it to letters@northcoastjournal.com. The weekly deadline to be considered for the upcoming edition is 10 a.m. Monday. ●

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How are we stopping COVID-19?

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Extra, Extra!

Historical Society looks to display newspaper collection, give away duplicate editions

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The Humboldt County Historical Society will be displaying two decades' worth of editions of the *Times-Standard* at the Timber Heritage Association's shops in Samoa on each of the next three Saturdays, hoping for the public's help curating them into an exhibition and giving away duplicate copies.

Steve Lazar, past president of the Humboldt County Historical Society, said the collection — amassed from several sources — includes tens of thousands of physical copies of the paper, which volunteers have organized by date. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 23, March 30 and April 7, Lazar said the collection will be open to the public to rummage through. Anyone who wants to pick up duplicate papers can, he said, whether for a papier mâché project, to commemorate an anniversary or birthday, or to preserve coverage of a landmark event or personal achievement.

But Lazar says he's really hoping members of the public will help curate an exhibition that will be on display throughout the paper giveaway and, ideally, displayed in a local museum or Arts Alive venue afterward. Lazar says posterboards will be set up all three days, with members of the public encouraged to pluck headlines and stories from the stacks to add to the display.

"There's no right or wrong answers," he says, adding that people could choose to pull stories representing milestone moments in Humboldt County history or stories that track a topic — like homelessness, waterfront development or Crabs baseball — through time. "Everyone is going to see a different thing, and it's all a part of our past."

The bulk of the newspaper cache came from the *Times-Standard* itself, according to a Historical Society slide presentation. When the newspaper's ownership — MNG Enterprises, Inc., a majority of which is held by the investment firm Alden Global Capital — decided to consolidate printing in Chico in 2020, closing the press at the *Times-Standard's* old building on Eureka's Sixth Street, volunteers rescued reams of bound and unbound copies from the paper's internal archive that would have been thrown away. The papers were then stored in the society's

garage. (The society also rescued a large collection of old *Humboldt Times* papers found in an auxiliary building at the airport in McKinleyville a couple of years later.)

Volunteers then combined to spend more than 1,000 hours over the course of five months last year to sort, catalog and organize the *Times-Standard* editions, determining that in addition to a near-complete collection from 1995 through 2015, there were lots of duplicates.

Lazar said the Historical Society plans to digitize the 20-year collection it is keeping, noting that while the editions are available in local libraries on microfilm, those are in low-resolution grayscale, while these will be images from higher resolution color scans, which will better preserve the photographs. The hope is also to create a searchable keyword index, which would allow researchers and others to seek out specific stories or topics without knowing the date a story ran.

The papers will be displayed at the Timber Heritage Association shops, located at 930 Vance Ave. in Samoa (from State Route 255, cross the train tracks and go through the gates near the intersection of Vance Avenue and Cookhouse Road to reach the facility). Lazar says he's very hopeful people will come check out the collection and share what they'd like to see in an exhibit, spending some time to sift through the years of headlines and stories, clipping what they find interesting and helping to curate it into a display.

"It really does have the potential to be a fun community exercise," Lazar says, adding that he recently got lost in a couple of boxes from 1997, reading about the South Jetty encampment evictions and other stories that dominated the day. "If people show up, I think they'll find it rewarding." ●

Editor's note: In the interest of full disclosure, it should be noted that this reporter worked at the Times-Standard from 2005 through 2013, and many of his bylines are consequently included in the collection.

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The 2024 Humboldt County Egg Hunt!

Put your detective skills to the test and crack the clues!

Clues will be revealed in the *North Coast Journal*, both in print and online daily, starting March 20th, 2024. Each day there will be one clue for each egg until all eggs are found. The clues will be available for only 24 hours after which time they will be replaced with the next clue.

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Participants should be mindful of their surroundings and exercise caution while searching for eggs.

Eggs will be hidden in locations that do not disturb or damage the natural environment or public property. Participants should refrain from damaging or destroying any property during the egg hunt.

There will be no need to dig or to climb structures.

Participants must leave the public space as they found it, removing any litter generated during the egg hunt. Any disturbances made during the search must be corrected by the participants before leaving the area.

Participants are permitted to collect only one egg. Eggs should be collected gently to avoid damage.

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Coastal Commission to Take Up Schneider Permit Violations, Potential Penalties

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A local developer's well-publicized permit woes — as well as the path to resolving them — now officially rest in the jurisdiction of the California Coastal Commission.

After hearing a staff report that spanned less than 3 minutes, the commission upheld staff's recommendation to find the appeal of the Humboldt County Planning Commission's permit modifications approved as a part of a deal to remove Travis Schneider's partially built mansion overlooking the Fay Slough Wildlife Area presented "substantial issues." The decision means Schneider's various permit violations — and the potential penalties attached to them — will be taken up anew, with the California Coastal Commission the deciding body, a scenario both Schneider and the Humboldt County Planning Department had hoped to avoid.

In July, the Humboldt County Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the permits and permit modifications necessary for Schneider to tear down his partially constructed 21,000-square-foot family home on Walker Point Road as a part of a deal aimed at resolving pervasive code violations that prompted the county to issue a stop worker order in December of 2021. Under the deal, Schneider pledged to remove the partially constructed home, 15,000 cubic yards of fill dirt and restore the property to its natural grade, while gifting a portion that includes an archeological site — a well-preserved, pre-contact Wiyot village site first documented in 1918 — to be held for three Wiyot area tribes. In exchange, the county agreed to forgive fines and penalties of up to \$3.6 million incurred due to the violations, which included building a home more than twice the permitted size, bringing in more fill dirt than permitted, grading without a permit, clearing environmentally sensitive habitat and building on a footprint outside of the plans approved by the county, encroaching on a wetland setback in the process.

In appealing the county's decision back in August, two California Coastal Commissioners — current Chair Charyl Hart and then Chair Donne Brownsey — argued that the county's action was inconsistent with its certified local coastal program. In its subsequent

report, commission staff then recommended the commission find the appeal should be granted because the county's agreement with Schneider did not do enough to protect archeological resources and environmentally sensitive habitat and could set an "adverse precedent" throughout the state if allowed to stand.

Staff contends that the permits and permit modifications approved by the county do not legally impose the conditions of a separate compliance agreement, leaving its outcome "not legally assured." But commission staff further argued that even pushing aside that concern, the measures as written fail to fully protect against future disturbances of the archeological site. As to the environmentally sensitive habitat restoration and protections, commission staff charged the county failed to incorporate "objective standards," adding its findings were based on "incomplete maps and plans that did not depict all disturbed areas and required restoration areas."

A proposal to resolve Schneider's permit violations will now be heard by the full commission at a future date. Coastal Commission North Coast District Manager Melissa Kraemer said she does not have an estimated timeline for that to occur, noting commission staff will meet with Schneider "sometime soon to discuss the process moving forward."

That process could include administrative civil penalties. The California Coastal Act authorizes the commission to impose penalties of up to \$11,250 per violation for each day that violation persists. In Schneider's case, violations were discovered when the county issued its stop work order Dec. 27, 2021, and have persisted since, meaning, as the *Journal* went to press, he could face up to \$9.1 million in fines per violation, with that threshold continuing to increase daily until the matter is resolved.

Schneider, who has reportedly moved out of Humboldt County and out of state, has not responded to *Journal* inquiries about the Coastal Commission appeal. ●

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After dropping during the pandemic, California's emissions of carbon dioxide, methane and other climate-warming gases increased 3.4 percent in 2021, when the economy rebounded.

The increase puts California further away from reaching a target mandated under state law: emitting 40 percent less in 2030 than in 1990 — a feat that will become more expensive and more difficult as time passes, the report's authors told CalMatters.

"The fact that they need to increase the speed of reduction at about three times faster than they're actually doing — that does not bode well," said Stafford Nichols, a researcher at Beacon Economics, a Los Angeles-based economics research firm, and a co-author of the annual California Green Innovation Index released today.

"As we get closer to that 2030 goal, the fact that we're further off just means that we have to decrease faster each year."

The state is even further away from meeting a more aggressive goal set by the Air Resources Board in the state's new climate blueprint. Under that plan, greenhouse gases must be cut 48 percent below 1990 levels by 2030. Gov. Gavin Newsom had urged the board to adopt the more difficult goal, calling the new scoping plan the "most ambitious set of climate goals of any jurisdiction in the world."

David Clegern, an air board spokesman, said in an emailed statement to CalMatters that state officials are confident that California will hit its targets, including its goal of carbon neutrality by 2045.

Clegern said the state is in the midst of updating its climate programs and strengthening regulations, which, he said, "takes time" because they have to "translate into projects and action in the real world."

"It is more important than ever to transition existing facilities, and build clean energy infrastructure," Clegern said. "This decade is critical for implementation of the state's plans and policies." He added, "as we have stated for more than 10 years, California's climate plans will continue to adjust to what remains a developing threat."

Greenhouse gases are spewed by an array of sources, mostly from vehicles, industries and power plants that burn fossil fuels, but also from livestock, landfills and other sources.

The report, compiled by Beacon Economics and environmental nonprofit Next 10, analyzed state data and concluded that through 2030, California would have to cut all greenhouse gases by 4.4 percent every year, beginning back in 2022. (Only preliminary data is available for 2022.)

To put that challenge in perspective, the state has only achieved annual cuts of more than 4 percent twice over the last two decades, both during major recessions, in 2009 and 2020, according to Stephanie Leonard, director of research for Next 10. And from 2016 through 2021, the annual average reduction has been just 1.6 percent, according to the report.

Massive amounts of emissions — more than 100 million metric tons a year — will have to be eliminated for California to meet the mandate. The state couldn't spew more than about 258 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions in 2030, compared to 2021's 381 million, according to the report.

Liane Randolph, chair of the California Air Resources Board, told the state Legislature's joint committee on climate change policies on Monday that there is little room for error in the years ahead.

"The challenge is that we need all of our programs to be effective and reduce emissions as laid out in the scoping plan," Randolph said. "We need each program to perform as well as or better than identified in the scoping plan in order to achieve our goals."

California already has made substantial

progress cleaning up cars and trucks. It has the world's strictest emissions controls on vehicles, including a regulation that phases out new sales of gasoline-powered cars by 2035. Last year, electric vehicle sales were up 29 percent, though they slowed at year's end.

But electricity generation was responsible for some of the biggest increases in emissions between 2020 and 2021, a 6.7 percent increase for imported electric power and 3.9 percent for in-state power, the report found.

That's because California's drought resulted in less hydroelectric power and more reliance on natural gas to avoid power shortages, according to Leonard. In 2020, the state faced its first non-wildfire rolling blackouts in nearly two decades after record-breaking heat. Last year, the state extended operations at three natural gas plants along the Southern California coast to shore up California's straining power grid.

Natural gas plants are the largest source of greenhouse gases among California's in-state producers of electricity. California has a law mandating zero-carbon, all-renewable electricity by 2045 but it has a long way to go: About 42 percent of power generated in the state came from natural gas in 2022.

The report also highlighted cement facilities, saying California has some of the planet's most polluting cement plants. As more housing is built and more cement is produced, the authors recommended "urgent action" to cut those emissions.

California's seven cement plants emit about 7.5 million metric tons of greenhouse gases per year, according to the air board, which has a working group aimed at decarbonizing the industry. Some factories are turning to low-carbon fuels, including the burning of tires.

Carbon capture and storage technology also may be used at cement plants because they are so difficult to decarbonize. These facilities capture emissions from industrial plants, then inject them underground.

"California's cement plants are an example of the challenge. Our cement is more carbon-intensive because we have older plants," said Clegern of the air board.

Wildfires were another large emitter of carbon dioxide, methane and other greenhouse gases in 2021.

On an optimistic note, the report acknowledged that California has some of the lowest per-capita emissions in the U.S., and is the third-most carbon-efficient state, following New York and Massachusetts. However, many of the easiest and least costly steps have already been implemented. So finding room for future reductions will be more challenging in coming years.

"The state has shown that it is possible to grow the economy, while lowering emissions," the California Green Innovation Index says. "It will take more action, time and resources to further decarbonize the economy, but the last couple decades offer hope."

The new analysis is the most recent example of an outside entity warning that California's climate goals face major hurdles. The state's Legislative Analyst's Office said last year that California lacked a "clear strategy" for meeting its 2030 targets.

Also, last month, the state's advisory committee for its controversial cap and trade market noted that the state was not on track to meet 2030 targets. Cap and trade is the state's market that allows companies to buy and trade credits for reducing greenhouse gases.

"Too often the fact of California's historical accomplishments is cited as evidence that state policy is on track, when often the pace of change going forward falls well short of what is required to meet the state's next climate targets," Danny Cullenward, an economist and vice chair of the Independent Emissions Market Advisory Committee, told CalMatters.

"Unfortunately," he said, "the state is not on track for its 2030 climate target."

— Alejandro Lazo/CalMatters
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The Foilies 2024

Recognizing the worst
in government transparency

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We're taught in school about checks and balances between the various branches of government, but those lessons tend to leave out the role that civilians play in holding officials accountable. We're not just talking about the ballot box, but the everyday power we all have to demand government agencies make their records and data available to public scrutiny.

At every level of government in the United States (and often in other countries), there are laws that empower the public to file requests for public records. They go by various names — Freedom of Information, Right-to-Know, Open Records, or even Sunshine laws — but all share the general concept that because the government is of the people, its documents belong to the people. You don't

need to be a lawyer or journalist to file these; you just have to care.

It's easy to feel powerless in these times, as local newsrooms close and elected officials embrace disinformation as a standard political tool. But here's what you can do, and we promise it'll make you feel better: Pick a local agency — it could be a city council, a sheriff's office or state department of natural resources — and send them an email demanding their public record-request log, or any other record showing what requests they receive, how long it took them to respond, whether they turned over records and how much they charged the requester for copies. Many agencies even have an online portal that makes it easier, or you can use MuckRock's records request tool. (You can also explore other people's results that have been published on MuckRock's FOIA

Log Explorer.) That will send the message to local leaders they're on notice. You may even uncover an egregious pattern of ignoring or willfully violating the law.

The Foilies are our attempt to call out these violations each year during Sunshine Week, an annual event when advocacy groups, news organizations and citizen watchdogs combine efforts to highlight the importance of government transparency laws. The Electronic Frontier Foundation and MuckRock, in partnership with the Association of Alternative News-media, compile the year's worst and most ridiculous responses to public records requests and other attempts to thwart public access to information, including through increasing attempts to gut the laws guaranteeing this access — and we issue these agencies and officials tongue-in-cheek “awards” for their failures.

Sometimes, these awards actually make a difference. Last year, Mendocino County in California repealed its policy of charging illegal public records fees after local journalists and activists used The Foilies' “The Transparency Tax Award” in their advocacy against the rule.

This year marks our 10th annual accounting of ridiculous redactions, outrageous copying fees, and retaliatory attacks on requesters — and we have some doozies for the ages.

The Not-So-Magic Word Award: Augusta County Sheriff's Office, Virginia

Public records laws exist in no small part because corruption, inefficiency and other malfeasance happen, regardless of the size of the government. The public's right to hold these entities accountable through transparency can prevent waste and fraud.

Of course, this kind of oversight can be very inconvenient to those who would like a bit of secrecy. Employees in Virginia's Augusta County thought they'd found a neat trick for foiling Virginia's Freedom of Information Act.

Consider: “NO FOIA”

In an attempt to withhold a bunch of emails they wanted to hide from the public eye, employees in Augusta County began tagging their messages with “NO FOIA,” as an apparent incantation staff believed could ward off transparency. Of course, there are no magical words that allow officials to evade transparency laws; the laws assume all government records are public, so agencies can't just say they don't want records released.

Fortunately, at least one county employee thought that breaking the law must be a little more complicated than that,

and this person went to Breaking Through News to blow the whistle.

Breaking Through News sent a FOIA request for those “NO FOIA” emails. The outlet received just 140 emails of the 1,212 that the county indicated were responsive, and those released records highlighted the county's highly suspect approach to withholding public records. Among the released records were materials like the wages for the sheriff office employees (clearly a public record), the overtime rates (clearly a public record) and a letter from the sheriff deriding the competitive wages being offered at other county departments (embarrassing but still clearly a public record).

Other clearly public records, according to a local court, included recordings of executive sessions that the commissioners had entered illegally, which Breaking Through News learned about through the released records. They teamed up with the *Augusta Free Press* to sue for access to the recordings, a suit they won last month. They still haven't received the awarded records, and it's possible that Augusta County will appeal. Still, it turned out that, thanks to the efforts of local journalists, their misguided attempt to conjure a culture of “No FOIA” in Augusta County actually brought them more scrutiny and accountability.

The Poop and Pasta Award: Richlands, Virginia

In 2020, Laura Mollo, of Richlands, discovered that the county 911 center could not dispatch Richlands residents' emergency calls: While the center dispatched all other county 911 calls, calls from Richlands had to be transferred to the Richlands Police Department to be handled. After the Richlands Town Council dismissed Mollo's concerns, she began requesting records under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The records showed that Richlands residents faced lengthy delays in connecting with local emergency services. On one call, a woman pleaded for help for her husband, only to be told that county dispatch couldn't do anything — and her husband died during the delay. Other records Mollo obtained showed that Richlands appeared to be misusing its resources.

You would hope that public officials would be grateful that Mollo uncovered the town's inadequate emergency response system and budget mismanagement. Well, not exactly: Mollo endured a campaign of intimidation and harassment for holding the government accountable. Mollo describes how her mailbox was stuffed with cow manure on one occasion, and

spaghetti on another (which Mollo understood to be an insult to her husband's Italian heritage). A town contractor harassed her at her home; police pulled her over; and Richlands officials even had a special prosecutor investigate her.

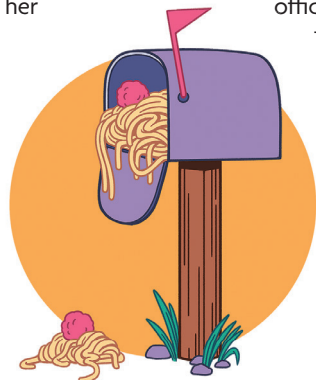
But this story has a happy ending: In November of 2022, Mollo was elected to the Richlands Town Council. The records she uncovered led Richlands to change over to the county 911 center, which now dispatches Richlands residents' calls. And in 2023, the Virginia Coalition for Open Government recognized Mollo by awarding her the Laurence E. Richardson Citizen Award for Open Government. Mollo's recognition is well-deserved. Our communities are indebted to people like her who vindicate our right to public records, especially when they face such inexcusable harassment for their efforts.

The Error 404 Transparency Not Found Award: FOIAonline

In 2012, FOIAonline was launched with much fanfare as a way to bring federal transparency into the late 20th century. No longer would requesters have to mail or fax requests. Instead, FOIAonline was a consolidated starting point, managed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), that let you file Freedom of Information Act requests with numerous federal entities from within a single digital interface.

Even better, the results of requests would be available online, meaning that if someone else asked for interesting information, it would be available to everyone, potentially reducing the number of duplicate requests. It was a good idea — but marred from the beginning by uneven uptake, agency infighting and inscrutable design decisions that created endless headaches. In its latter years, FOIAonline would go down for days or weeks at a time without explanation. The portal saw agency after agency ditch the platform in favor of either homegrown solutions or third-party vendors.

Last year, the EPA announced that the grand experiment was being shuttered, leaving thousands of requesters uncertain about how and where to follow up on their open requests, and unceremoniously deleting millions of documents from public access without any indication of whether they would be made available again.



In a very on-brand twist of the knife, the decision to sunset FOIAonline was actually made two years prior, after an EPA office reported in a presentation that the service was likely to enter a "financial death spiral" of rising costs and reduced agency usage. Meanwhile, civil-society organizations such as MuckRock, the Project on Government Oversight and the Internet Archive have worked to resuscitate and make available at least some of the documents the site used to host.

The Literary Judicial Thashing of the Year Award: Pennridge, Pennsylvania, School District

Sometimes when you're caught breaking the law, the judge will throw the book at you. In the case of Pennridge School District in Bucks County, Judge Jordan B. Yeager catapulted an entire shelf of banned books at administrators for violating the state's Right-to-Know Law.

The case begins with Darren Laustsen, a local parent who was alarmed by a new policy to restrict access to books that deal with "sexualized content," seemingly in lockstep with book-censorship laws happening around the country. Searching the school library's catalog, he came across a strange trend: Certain controversial books that appeared on other challenged-book lists had been checked out for a year or more. Since students are only allowed to check out books for a week, he (correctly) suspected that library staff were checking them out themselves to block access.

So he filed a public records request for all books checked out by non-students. Now, it's generally important for library patrons to have their privacy protected when it comes to the books they read — but it's a different story if public employees are checking out books as part of their official duties and effectively enabling censorship. The district withheld the records, provided incomplete information and even went so far as to return books and re-check them out under a student's account in order to obscure the truth. And so Laustsen sued.

The judge issued a scathing and literarily robust ruling: "In short, the district altered the records that were the subject of the request, thwarted public access to public information, and effectuated a cover-up of faculty, administrators and other non-students' removal of books

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The Cops Anonymous Award: Chesterfield County Police Department

The Chesterfield County Police Department in Virginia refused to disclose the names of hundreds of police officers to a public records requester on this theory: Because the cops might at some point go undercover, the public could never learn their identities. It's not at all dystopian to claim that a public law enforcement agency needs to have secret police!

Other police agencies throughout the state seem to deploy similar secrecy tactics, too.

The Keep Your Opinions to Yourself Award: Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita

In March of 2023, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita sent a letter to medical providers across the state demanding information about the types of gender-affirming care they may provide to young Hoosiers. But this was no unbiased probe: Rokita made his position very clear when he publicly blasted these health services as “the sterilization of vulnerable children” that “could legitimately be considered child abuse.” He made claims to the media that the clinics’ main goals weren’t to support vulnerable youth, but to rake in cash.

Yet as loud as he was about his views in the press, Rokita was suddenly tight-lipped once the nonprofit organization American Oversight filed a public records request asking for all the research, analyses and other documentation that he used to support his claims. Although his agency located 85 documents that were relevant to their request, Rokita refused to release a single page, citing a legal exception that allows him to withhold deliberative documents that are “expressions of opinion or are of a speculative nature.”

Perhaps if Rokita’s opinions on gender-affirming care weren’t based on facts, he should’ve kept those opinions and speculations to himself in the first place.

The Failed Sunshine State Award: Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis

Florida’s Sunshine Law is known as one of the strongest in the nation, but Gov. Ron DeSantis spent much of 2023

working, pretty successfully, to undermine its superlative status with a slew of bills designed to weaken public transparency and journalism.

In March, DeSantis was happy to sign a bill to withhold all records related to travel done by the governor and a whole cast of characters. The law went into effect just more than a week before the governor announced his presidential bid. In addition, DeSantis has asserted his “executive privilege” to block the release of public records in a move that, according to experts like media law professor Catherine Cameron, is unprecedented in Florida’s history of transparency.

DeSantis suspended his presidential campaign in January. That may affect how many trips he’ll be taking out-of-state in the coming months, but it won’t undo the damage of his Sunshine-slashing policies.

Multiple active lawsuits are challenging DeSantis over his handling of Sunshine Law requests. In one, *The Washington Post* is challenging the constitutionality of withholding the governor’s travel records. In that case, a Florida Department of Law Enforcement official last month

claimed the governor had delayed the release of his travel records. Nonprofit watchdog group American Oversight filed a lawsuit in February, challenging “the unjustified and unlawful delay” in responding to requests, citing a dozen records requests to the governor’s office that have been pending for one to three years.

“It’s stunning, the amount of material that has been taken off the table from a state that many have considered to be the most transparent,”

— Michael Barfield, Florida
Center for Government
Accountability

Michael Barfield, director of public access for the Florida Center for Government Accountability (FCGA), told NBC News. The FCGA is now suing the governor’s office for records on flights of migrants to Massachusetts. “We’ve quickly become one of the least transparent in the space of four years.”

The Self-Serving Special Session Award: Arkansas Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders

By design, FOIA laws exist to help the people who pay taxes hold the people who spend those taxes accountable. In Arkansas, as in many states, taxpayer money funds most government functions: daily

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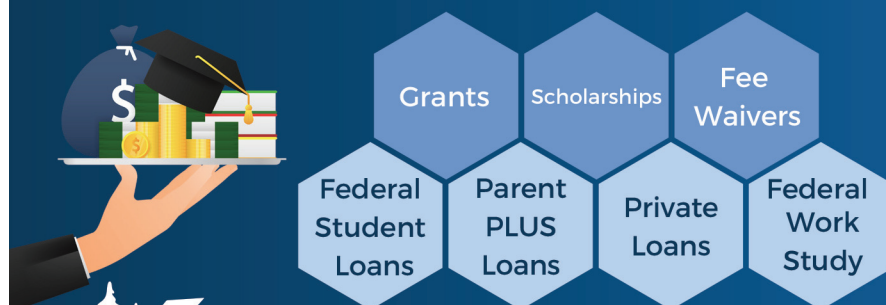
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office operations, schools, travel, dinners, security, etc. As Arkansas' governor, Sarah Huckabee Sanders has flown all over the country, accompanied by members of her family and the Arkansas State Police. For the ASP alone, the people of Arkansas paid \$1.4 million in the last half of last year.

Last year, Sanders seemed to tire of the scrutiny being paid to her office and her spending. Sanders cited her family's safety as she tried to shutter any attempts to see her travel records, taking the unusual step of calling a special session of the state Legislature to protect herself from the menace of transparency.

Notably, the governor had also recently been implicated in an Arkansas Freedom of Information Act case for these kinds of records.

The attempt to gut the law included a laundry list of carve-outs unrelated to safety, such as walking back the ability of public-records plaintiffs to recover attorney's fees when they win their case. Other attempts to scale back Arkansas' FOIA earlier in the year had not passed, and the state attorney general's office was already working to study what improvements could be made to the law.

Fortunately, the people of Arkansas came out to support the principle of government transparency, even as their governor decided she shouldn't need to deal with it anymore. Over a tense few days, dozens of Arkansans lined up to testify in defense of the state FOIA and the value of holding elected officials, like Sanders, accountable to the people.

By the time the session wound down, the state Legislature had gone through multiple revisions. The sponsors walked back most of the extreme asks and added a requirement for the Arkansas State Police to provide quarterly reports on some of the governor's travel costs. However, other details of that travel, like companions and the size of the security team, ultimately became exempt. Sanders managed to twist the whole fiasco into a win, though it would be a great surprise if the Legislature didn't reconvene this year with some fresh attempts to take a bite out of FOIA.

While such a blatant attempt to bash public transparency is certainly a loser move, it clearly earns Sanders a win in the Foilies — and the distinction of being one of the least transparent government officials this year.

The Doobie-ous Redaction Award: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Drug Enforcement Administration

Bloomberg reporters got a major scoop when they wrote about a Health and Human Services memo detailing how health officials were considering major changes to the federal

restrictions on marijuana, recommending reclassifying it from a Schedule I substance to Schedule III.

Currently, the Schedule I classification for marijuana puts it in the same league as heroin and LSD, while Schedule III classification

would indicate lower potential for harm and addiction along with valid medical applications.

Since Bloomberg viewed but didn't publish the memo itself, reporters from the *Cannabis Business Times* filed a FOIA request to get the document into the public record. Their request was met with limited success: HHS provided a copy of the letter, but redacted virtually the entire document besides the salutation and contact information. When pressed further by CBT reporters, the DEA and HHS would only confirm what the redacted documents had already revealed — virtually nothing.

HHS handed over the full, 250-page review several months later, after a lawsuit was filed by an attorney in Texas. The crucial information the agencies had fought so hard to protect: "Based on my review of the evidence and the FDA's recommendation, it is my recommendation as the Assistant Secretary for Health that marijuana should be placed in Schedule III of the CSA." ●

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Chef Pangnou Vang Behind the Counter at Sushi Blue

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Pangnou Vang's face is mostly hidden under the bill of her ballcap as she works, angling the blade of her long, wooden handled knife horizontally along a block of salmon belly. The fingers of her other hand rest lightly on top of the fish, following the shape of the knife like a peaking wave as it slices a thin layer below.

When she finally looks up, a customer might mistake Vang for someone younger than her 34 years or, like others, underestimate her experience behind a sushi counter. But 16 years after she first trained at the original Kyoto Japanese Restaurant, she's helming Sushi Blue at Blue Lake Casino.

One of 14 children born to Hmong American immigrants in Fresno, Vang moved to Humboldt County at the age of 9. "My parents were in the Secret War," she says. Like many Hmong people, they fled Laos, where the U.S. carried out covert operations during the Vietnam War. "They swam across the river, stayed in a refugee camp in Thailand," she says, a journey not all her family members survived.

"Normal kids, they grow up playing house. I grew up learning how to cook in the kitchen — I was learning to make rice," says Vang. As soon as she was old enough to work outside the home, she got a job in food service. After stints at KFC and Liu's Oriental Cuisine in her early teens, she started washing dishes at Kyoto under

Kyoko and George Clark. "Oh man, [Kyoko] would yell at me if I put the plates down too loud," she recalls with a laugh. As rare as female sushi chefs are in the industry at large, Vang notes there were three women working the line at the restaurant.

When Eric and Jeni Masaki bought the restaurant and renamed it Masaki's Kyoto Japanese Restaurant, Vang stayed on, at first as a server. "Then they realized I am a horrible waitress," she admits frankly. "I was a kid and I didn't know how to talk to people, and I had a sailor's mouth." At 18, she couldn't serve alcohol, so the bosses tried her out behind the counter under Evangeline Johnson, who's now a chef at Sushi Spot, and Noelani Davis. Once she got rolling, literally and figuratively, she stayed for a decade.

Three years working in Portland at as many restaurants, including a sushi boat place and a pair of fine dining establishments, didn't entice Vang to stay. Working with all-male crews under traditional Japanese chefs — in terms of patriarchy, if not cuisine — was frustrating. "They were definitely not having me as a part of their team," she says. "I'm also gay, so that's even worse." As male dominated as the restaurant industry has historically been, the realm of sushi is even more so. "I've worked with a lot of guys just belittling me like I shouldn't be a sushi chef because I'm a woman. My hands are too warm to

touch the fish," she says, citing an old sushi shop adage that makes one wonder how much contact its proponents have with actual women.

"Like, did your dad cook you rice? I don't think so," quips Vang, noting the irony of women being relegated to kitchens in the home but discouraged



Pangnou Vang slices Hamachi at Sushi Blue.
Photo by Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

fish — you don't want it to be overwhelmed with sauce." Still, she recognizes that for diners in Humboldt, as in Portland, more heavily sauced rolls are popular. "If I'm gonna use a sauce, I want it to go with the fish."

Those nostalgic for Kyoto Japanese Restaurant will be pleased with the occasional revival of the Kyoto Dragon Roll,

which she learned to make at the start of her career there (\$23). It's bright, nori-less and lightly sauced, as American-style sushi goes. The tempura shrimp inside is still warm and crispy against the creamy avocado and the pop of tobiko. On top, transparent slices of lemon and modest dots of spicy mayonnaise balance the fatty salmon.

Vang's sashimi plates showcase her knife skills and the flavor of buttery, barely torched Hamachi belly, ahi and salmon, again paired with lemon (\$26). Recently, she's started curing egg yolks with salt and miso. "It just elevates anything you put it on," she says. Over maguro nigiri, the light yellow curls could be mistaken for cheese, but for the flavor and texture as it melts on the tongue, adding creamy dimension and a little salt to the leaner tuna.

Diners who typically skip the usual perfunctory ice cream dessert would do well to consider Vang's Japanese-style cheesecake — not the wiggling variety that's lately gone viral, but its firmer cousin made with whipped egg whites and baked in a water bath (\$9). Under the edge of a spoon, it gives and crumbles, but against the tongue it melts with mild sweetness and the tang of cream and goat cheeses. On a recent evening, an individual milk chocolate cheesecake came topped with whipped cream and drizzled with a shiro miso caramel. The miso lent it an earthy intensity and a bite of salt different from the usual sea salt flakes. It is not to be underestimated. ●

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The Kyoto Dragon Roll, a throwback to chef Pangnou Vang's days at Kyoto Japanese Restaurant.

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Making Change: Attention

Awareness is everything

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Let's talk about how we want to show up in — and for — the world. Welcome to part one of Making Change, a six-week series on the hows and whys of personal, social and political change.

Oh sure, people have struggled to pay attention for centuries. Each distracting advance in technology has provoked commentary that the downfall of society is nigh. Yet now the chasm between how much information avails itself to us and how much information our minds can hold has grown from a ditch easily hopped to the distance between galaxies.

Self-help author Oliver Burkeman said

that our experience of being alive consists of “nothing other than the sum of everything to which you pay attention.” Yet, whether I'm on a work Zoom or hiking with a pal in Redwood Park, people lament their inability to stay attentive. A coworker describes picking up her phone to send an email only to see a notification leading her to open Instagram, how she scrolled and tapped for several minutes only to put her phone back down forgetting the original task. Friends talk about struggling to read or remember the plot of the movie they watched, because no matter how compelling the narrative, their brain itches every few minutes for some other

stimulation. I end almost every single day lamenting the lack of time to exercise, write, practice Spanish, even as my phone's widget points out the four hours of screen time I managed. If the way we spend our time shows what we care about, the general consensus seems to be “a bunch of random shit” or “being outraged” or, if you are my Instagram feed, “a never-ending series of dad jokes and puns.” Cool and all, other than the well-documented physical, mental and societal deterioration.

Because in addition to the personal struggles caused by an inability to focus attention come the political ones. Distracted people are less likely to think critically or participate constructively in the type of local and national issues relevant to their lives. (Note: Rampant social media posts/comments do not count as “constructive.”) Toxic politics rely on information overwhelm and the creation of chaos — the firehose of information, memes, videos, ads and FOMO is absolute chaos for the mind. Even as the number of legit news outlets shrinks, sketchy ones sprawl across the internet, interrupted only by ever more targeted ads and just enough of what you actually want to keep you hooked.

So, how to slip that barb from your lip and swim into better waters?

Book recommendation: *The Art of Noticing* by Rob Walker. This little book offers 131 ways to “Spark Creativity, Find Inspiration and Discover Joy in the Everyday.” Walker takes a few pages to argue why paying attention matters, then serves up a platter of varying ideas that range from easy and silly to “enjoyably challenging” and specific. If you commute to work, try to find something new every day. I've driven up and down my street for more than 20 years but it wasn't till walking my son's dog during the pandemic that I noticed one of my neighbors has topped his fence posts with earth-toned ceramic faces. Or, for more advanced observers, identify the forces (design elements, noise factors, technology, etc.) in any social setting, whether the line at CVS or at your favorite bar, and work out how they're influencing

the human behavior around you. And next time you're bored while waiting or out at dinner with friends, remember: No one looks good hunched over a phone. Lift your chin and stretch your brain a bit. Engage with the world.

When I travel for work, I'm amazed how the shift from usefulness (Google Maps, United Airline's app) to mindlessness happens in a blink. A game I play to help stay present when waiting to board a plane is to find all the letters of the alphabet in order. You'd be surprised how much signage exists once you give this a go. Silly, sure, but because I'm looking around, I might notice a non-English-speaking young guy looking lost and how an older bilingual guy helps him out. Because I'm looking around instead of down, I'm able to assure helpful older dude that I don't mind at all if younger guy cuts into line ahead of me. I'm able to smile and say, “No problema,” which prompts the older guy to smile back and ask me if I speak Spanish (“*muy poco*”). You get the idea. Instead of wincing at headlines while being tempted to click on “California's favorite workout shoes for women,” I witness one person being kind to another and even made my own small connection.

To take this beyond yourself, look for who's encouraging genuine connections in your community. Advocate on behalf of funding for youth arts, music, skills and sports programs to your local school board, city council, county supervisors and state elected officials. Attend interpretive events hosted by local nonprofits — invite a friend, a friend's kid or an elected official — and sign up to donate monthly to their cause if you can. Use technology as a bridge but let a finer world be your destination.

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Longtime advice-giver and professional change-maker Jennifer Savage (she/her) is the keynote speaker for this year's League of Women Voters of Humboldt County 31st annual State of the Community event Friday, April 19.

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The Sawdust Flies at the Conclave

Story and photos by Mark Larson
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A far corner of Redwood Acres Fairground in Eureka turned into a logging-sports performance field for 175 talented student-athletes from 10 campuses across the western U.S. from Wednesday to Friday, March 13-15. For the first time in nearly a decade, the Cal Poly Humboldt Logging Sports Team hosted the Collegiate Logging Sports Competition as part of the 84th annual American Western Forestry Clubs Conclave.

Clear skies arrived just in time for the event, with strong breezes Wednesday leading to frigid conditions for the birling (log rolling) competitors after they were dunked in the chilly temporary pond. Record warm temperatures followed on Thursday and Friday, enhancing the spring break atmosphere for the college students.

Wednesday's event schedule included



Speed climber Samantha Erwin of the CPH Logging Sports Team raced up to the 30-foot-high finish line for female contestants.



CPH Logging Sports Team member Frankie Daumberger raced up to the end of this log carrying a chainsaw, then fired it up to cut off the end.

birling in a temporary pond on the performance field, single buck sawing, horizontal hard hit chopping, choker setting, ax throwing, caber tossing, pulp tossing and speed ax competitions.

Thursday's events were enlivened with the arrival of busloads of school children in the audience, enjoying the competitions in obstacle pole, horizontal speed, power saw, pole climb (women 30 feet, men to 50 feet), the ax throw final and more. The school children also explored the Redwood Region Logging Conference activities taking place on site.

Friday featured hot competition in double buck sawing, the vertical and speed hard chopping, and the steeple. An evening awards dinner wrapped up the conclave with the CPH Lumberjacks in first place in the team competition among the 10 schools (following their second-place finish in 2023 and first place in 2022), ahead of Flathead Valley Community College in second and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in third. The other teams included UC Berkeley, Northern Arizona University, Oregon State University, Colorado State University, Montana State University, University of Montana and University of Idaho.

The conclave, which rotates among host campuses, only happens once a year, but CPH engineering student and outreach coordinator for the logging sports team Franziska "Frankie" Daumberger said, for the club members, it's a year-long commitment in the popular Forestry 170 class taught by Connor Goldstein. The 77 students enrolled in the class met for Saturday practices at a field in Freshwater and this year, as hosts of the conclave, also met weekly to plan for the event.



CPH double buck competitors Ed Laskey (left) and Ellis Brandt began their timed heat on Friday. Frankie Daumberger stretched out in her grease monkey role atop the log, spraying WD-40 on the saw to lubricate it and placing a wedge into the top of the cut.

"On Monday, March 11, there was rain while we were setting up the event and it thwarted some of our efforts, but we powered through to make an incredible performance field," said Daumberger. "We also didn't expect as many people to show up as they did, which was very exciting and encouraging for us, because we love to engage with the public about what our team does."

Goldstein, instructor and coach of the Logging Sports Club, said, "I am thrilled that the team's hard work and perseverance at practice paid off with a first-place finish, cementing Cal Poly Humboldt as the top collegiate logging sports team in the western U.S. for the second time in three years." ●

For more photos, see the full slideshow online at northcoastjournal.com.

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That 1 Guy plays Humboldt Brews on Thursday, March 21 at 8 p.m. (\$20).

Submitted

VENUE	THURS 3/21	FRI 3/22	SAT 3/23	SUN 3/24	M-T-W 3/25-3/27
ARCATA THEATRE LOUNGE 1036 G St. (707) 616-3030		<i>Howl's Moving Castle</i> (2004) (film) 7 p.m. \$8, \$12 admission and poster	Humboldt Rock Show w/ The Critics, Jacki & The Jollies, Under Utopia 7:30 p.m. \$15	<i>Napoleon Dynamite</i> (2004) (film) 6 p.m. \$8, \$12 admission and poster	[W] Sci-Fi Night: <i>Death Bed The Bed That Eats</i> (1977) (film) 6 p.m. \$5, \$9 w/poster
THE BASEMENT 780 Seventh St., Arcata (707) 845-2309	HDMB Jazz Quartet (jazz) 8-11 p.m. Free	TEMPLO (tropical, Latin, Afro) 8:30 p.m.- midnight \$5	Wild Abandon, DJ Bumblecrow (dance pop) 8:30 p.m.-midnight \$5		
BEAR RIVER CASINO RESORT 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta (707) 733-9644		Thirsty Bear: DJ NorthBay Jay (Latin) 9 p.m. Free	Thirsty Bear: The Undercovers (cover hits) 9 p.m. Free	Thirsty Bear: Karaoke Sundays 9 p.m. Free	[W] Thirsty Bear: Bootz N Beers (country music/line dancing lessons) 7-9 p.m. Free
BLUE LAKE CASINO WAVE LOUNGE 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake (707) 668-9770		Wave: TBA	Wave: NightHawk (classic rock) 9 p.m Free	Wave: Karaoke Contest 7:30 p.m. \$10 to enter	
BODYWORKS ALPHA ANNEX 1725 Tomlinson St., Eureka		Image Pit, Something Wicked, Malicious Algorithm, Psyop Victim, Grug!, Death Doula (metal) 7 p.m. \$20			
CENTRAL STATION SPORTS BAR 1631 Central Ave., McKinleyville (707) 839-2013		Karaoke 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Free			[M] Pool Tournament 6 p.m., [W] Karaoke 8 p.m.-midnight Free
CHER-AE HEIGHTS CASINO FIREWATER LOUNGE 27 Scenic Drive, Trinidad (707) 677-3611			Firewater Lounge: Under the Influence (classic rock, country) 9 p.m Free		[T] Karaoke 8 p.m. Free
CRISP LOUNGE 2029 Broadway, Eureka, (707) 798-1934	Up in Joke! Comedy Open Mic 8-10 p.m. Free	Smoke N' Joke Comedy Night 7 p.m. \$5		Open Mic Night (15-minute time slot) 6:30 p.m. Free	[M] Pete's Projecting Again! (comedy/variety) 7-9 p.m. \$5, [T] Pool Tournament 6 p.m. \$10, [W] Kara-Smokey! 7 p.m. Free
EUREKA VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL 1018 H St. (707) 443-5341					[T] Humboldt Comedy Open Mic 7-10 p.m. Free
HUMBOLDT BREWS 856 10th St., Arcata (707) 826-2739	That 1 Guy 8 p.m. \$20	Bump Foundation (funk, soul, jazz) 9 p.m. \$10	J.B. Barton & Co, Mule Ranch, Sequoia Rose (outlaw Americana) 8 p.m. \$15		
THE JAM 915 H St., Arcata (707) 822-4766	Hip Hop Thursdays 9 p.m. Free				[M] Karaoke 9 p.m. Free, [W] Weds Night Ting (DJs)
MAD RIVER BREWING CO. & TAPROOM 101 Taylor Way (707) 668-4151		Roland Rock and the Rockin' Rollerz 6-8 p.m. Free			
THE MADRONE TAPHOUSE 421 Third St., Eureka (707) 273-5129					[W] Reel Genius Trivia. 6-8 p.m. Free
MATEEL COMMUNITY CENTER 59 Rusk Lane, Redway (707) 923-3368			Ganjasaurus Rex Revue (film, burlesque, music) 6 p.m. - midnight, movie free, \$25, \$60 VIP for G-Rex party starting at 8:30 p.m.		
MINIPIX 401 I St., Arcata (707) 630-5000	Ak'chamel, The Giver of Illness, Midi Kiti 6 p.m. \$5-\$10 sliding, 8:30 p.m. two-drink minimum	Louderfest Arcata 9:30 p.m. \$10	Porcelain Dog, Linus, Blub (alt. rock) 9 p.m. \$5	Karaoke 8:30 p.m. two-drink minimum	[T] Spoon Benders (punk) 8 p.m. \$10, [W] Derek Monypeny 7 p.m. \$5
MOUNTAIN MIKE'S PIZZA EUREKA 3144 Broadway St., Suites C-3 - C-5 (707) 268-1100	Reel Genius Trivia 6-8 p.m. Free				
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MOUNTAIN MIKE'S PIZZA MCKINLEYVILLE 1500 Anna Sparks Way, (707) 203-8500					[W] Reel Genius Trivia. 6-8 p.m. Free
NORTHTOWN COFFEE 1603 G St., Arcata (707) 633-6187					[T] Word Humboldt Spoken Word Open Mic, 6-9 p.m. Free

VENUE	THURS 3/21	FRI 3/22	SAT 3/23	SUN 3/24	M-T-W 3/25-3/27
OUTER SPACE 837 H St., Arcata (707) 633-9160					[T] Monsoon, Clean Girl and the Dirty Dishes, Manic Moth 7 p.m. \$5-\$10 sliding
THE PUB AT THE CREAMERY 824 L St., Suite A, Arcata, (707) 630-5178					[W] Reel Genius Trivia. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free
ROCKSLIDE BAR & GRILL 5371 State Route 299, Hawkins Bar	Jimi Jeff Jam Nite (Hendrix, Prince, funk, blues) 7:30 p.m. Free				
SAVAGE HENRY COMEDY CLUB 415 Fifth St., Eureka (707) 845-8864	Drink & Draw 6 p.m. Free, CU Next! A Queer Comedy Showcase 9 p.m. Free	Zac Maas (stand-up) 9 p.m. \$15, The Latest Show 11 p.m. \$5	Zac Maas (stand-up) 9 p.m. \$15, Braturday Night Live 1 p.m. \$5	Comedy Church 1-3 p.m. Free; Stand-up Comedy Workshop 7-8 p.m. Free; Comedy Open Mic 9 p.m. Free	[W] Open Mikey 9 p.m. Free
SIREN'S SONG TAVERN 325 Second St., Eureka (707) 442-8778	Open Mic Night (all acts) 8 p.m. Free	Under Utopis (Portland), Icarus & the Suns, Pichea 8 p.m. \$7 all ages	Mykeru (metal, rock, punk, reggae, blues, electronic beats) 7:30 p.m. \$10	Sunday Funday (board games provided or bring your own) Free	[M] High Quality Porn Music, Something Wicked, Brain Dead Rejects, Mystery Meat 7 p.m. \$10, [T] Siren's Sessions Terrapin Tuesday Jam 8 p.m. Free
SIX RIVERS BREWERY, TASTING ROOM & RESTAURANT 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville (707) 839-7580		Buddy Reed Solo (blues) 6-8 p.m. Free	Flynn Martin (soulful acoustic) 5:30-8 p.m. Free		
SPEAKEASY 411 Opera Alley, Eureka (707) 444-2244	The Jimmie Lahman Band (blues, rock) 7-10 p.m. Free	Friday Night Jazz 8-10 p.m. Free	Jenni and David and the Sweet Soul Band (soul, funk) 7-10 p.m. Free		[T] Tuesday Night Jazz 7-10 p.m. Free

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He Was a Friend of Mine

By Collin Yeo

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The Ides of March came last Friday, some 2060-plus years since mighty Caesar got smoked, and we lost our little king. I am talking about my partner and I putting down our sweet, little, old dog man, when the forces of time and congestive heart failure brought on a fast catastrophe. I had put some emergency cash aside earlier, not even consciously, all the while taking him to work every day and convincing myself he was getting better, that he was just experiencing a little health hiccup, perfectly understandable in his advanced years. That delusion evaporated early Friday morning, when his severe overnight decline found us in a vet's office, absorbing the shock of hearing the professional verdict of a terminal freefall. His little body was shutting down, his collapsing organs preparing to close up and turn out the lights. The miracle of the beautiful weather, the nicest day of the week, gave us the chance to give him a sweet goodbye. For the first time in his life, his interest in food was nonexistent, even drinking water was a fading desire, so we took him to a favorite beach, a place where six months ago he was running around like a delighted hooligan. We carried him to a windbreak driftwood log, where he sat staring at the waves with big wet brown eyes, and for a few moments we snagged a sense of Eternity, moments that stretched like stilled shore-breaks before the waves crackled back to motion and time clicked forward in their crashing hiss. We went home and let him sleep after that, first on our bed — he was never denied this pleasure in normal life — and later on his own little bed, set out in the warm grass where my girlfriend held him, sang her favorite song about him, and wept. Later, in that same little bed, we felt his life end at the mercy of the needle. The grace of modern medicine coaxing him into the quiet light of release, leaving us behind with the wailing darkness of grief.

When you take your loved one for their last drive and you see that ugly gray car in the rearview mirror, make sure you

take your time, move without hurry, no matter how close the pace car behind you gets. And when you do pull over and let it overtake you, blocking the road, be sure to hand over your passenger on your terms, observing their comfort over the demands of that faceless driver. This transfer is the final act of love, negotiating the last warm moments with soothing hands that hold all the fading world of the dear little friend in your arms. Do this and go in peace, having met death with love, and leaving with that love intact.

Have a good week.

Thursday

Mike Silverman is a Las Vegas-based musician who has gone about as far as possible with the “one-man band” concept while still maintaining a strong touring presence and niche success. Under the stage name **That 1 Guy**, he has been taking his homemade musical doodads around the world for decades to perform a jammy style of art rock all his own. Tonight at 8 p.m. he returns to our county to cause a scene at Humbrews for those lucky enough to snag tickets to his unique live sonic concept act (\$20, \$18 advance).

Friday

There are two mini-fest gigs tonight, so choose wisely. At 7 p.m. at the Bodyworks Alpha Annex in Eureka there is a battle of the bands in the style of local metal, featuring **Image Pit**, **Something Wicked**, **Malicious Algorithm**, **Psyop Victim**, **Grug!** and **Death Doula**, along with raffles, live boxing matches (!) and refreshments. Tickets are \$15 advance, \$20 at the door. Two and a half hours later at the Mini-plex is Louderfest, where **DJ Nips** will be running a local MC free-for-all featuring **Emani ETRNL**, **Boo**, **Reeph**, **Fresh Micks**, **NotLewy** and more. Just \$10 gets you in the door, and front and center for the action.

Saturday

The Mateel Community Center is hosting a free showing of the cult film **GanjaSaurus Rex** at 6 p.m. Afterward,



Halfbird plays the Sanctuary on Monday, March 25, at 7 p.m.

Photo courtesy of the artists

the event becomes a ticketed affair, with general admission running at \$25 and VIP perks — including table service and seats near the action — going for \$60. The action in question consists of two burlesque troupes, **Snack Attack** and **Bada Bling**, along with music by **Wolf Tree** and **Irie Rockerz**. Drinks and dinner will be available onsite. The movie is all ages but the later events are 18-plus only. Enjoy. If you're stuck in NoHum, go check out the Basement for a double bill of indie rockers **Wild Abandon** at 8:30 p.m. and **DJ Bumblecrow** spinning wax gold two hours later (\$5).

Sunday

The Sanctuary is hosting another French Toast Jazz Brunch at 10 a.m. The food is free, but the tunes will cost you a sliding scale of \$10-\$25 to support the musicians from the Humboldt Jazz Collective, which include local heroes **James Zeller**, **Tree**, **Gabe Lubowe**, **Ramsey Isaacs** and **David Gaon**. I can think of worse ways to charge up on Sunday morning.

Monday

Speaking of the Sanctuary, tonight at 7 p.m. the place will be popping off with a promising gig of experimental and outré musique. Portland jazz-punk outfit **Halfbird** will share the space with local sound collective **Medicine Baul** and one-fella sound drilla **Idyll**. It's \$5-\$20 sliding scale,

so spare a thought and some dough for the touring act at least.

Tuesday

Monsoon is an art rock act from Athens, Georgia, that has tasted a little bit of commercial success (literally, their music has been in a Toyota commercial) without giving up an inch of ground with their experimental bona fides. Tonight at 7 p.m. the duo-plus will be landing at the Outer Space in the midst of a tour supporting the latest record *The Ghost Party*. Local sparkling grunge duo **Clean Girl and the Dirty Dishes** and **Manic Moth** will provide local support. As always at this venue, it's an all-ages, sober show and, while no one will be turned away from lack of funds, a \$5-\$10 sliding scale price is suggested.

Wednesday

Derek Monypenny from Joshua Tree plays music that fills the horizon, in a manner of speaking. His tightly articulated and mildly treated guitar billows out shimmers of sounds like a heat mirage, and, much like a heat mirage, will take the observer to places that do not exist with the spectral promise of hallucinatory fumes. I like it quite a bit. You can taste test it yourself tonight at the Miniplex at 7 p.m. Just bring \$5-\$10 for the door and some extra change for merch if the spirits take you. ●

Collin Yeo (he/him) has lately lost all his mirth. He knows when, too. He lives in Arcata.

Calendar

March 21 – 28, 2024



Photo by Marilyn Backman

Dog lovers have their day at Humboldt Dog Obedience Group's 34th annual **Dog Expo** happening **Sunday, March 24** from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at **Redwood Acres Fairgrounds** (free admission and parking, donations accepted). Discover more than 30 breeds, witness demos ranging from agility to sled dog races and dig into interactive activities. With a scavenger hunt for the pups at heart and a raffle to spay it forward, everyone's in for a treat. Please leave your own pets at home. (Don't worry. There'll be plenty of pooches to coochie coo).



Submitted

On **Saturday, March 23**, from **8 to 10:30 p.m.**, **Synopsis Union** hosts an evening of traditional and original music from the Mediterranean diaspora, featuring **Faisal Zedan** and **Gary Haggerty** (\$20). Zedan, an accomplished percussionist specializing in Arabic styles, will be joined by multi-instrumentalist Haggerty, who specializes in oud. On **Sunday, March 24**, delve into the art of Arabic drumming with Zedan, who will offer two drumming workshops at **Synopsis** (\$30 each, no one turned away for lack of funds). The beginner level starts at **10:30 a.m.** and intermediate/advanced level is at **1 p.m.** Drums are available for the workshops.



Photo by Rae Robison

What happens after happily ever after? Find out when the Department of Dance, Music and Theatre at Cal Poly Humboldt presents Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's hit Broadway musical ***Into the Woods***, **Friday and Saturday, March 22 and March 23**, at **7:30 p.m.** and **Sunday, March 24**, at **2 p.m.** at **Van Duzer Theatre** (\$15, \$10 students and seniors). Directed by Rae Robison with musical direction by Elisabeth Harrington, *Into the Woods* intertwines the plots of several Brothers Grimm fairy tales, exploring the consequences of the characters' wishes and quests. The musical runs through next weekend, with shows on Friday and Saturday, March 29 and 30 at 7:30 pm. And Sunday, March 31 at 2 p.m.

21 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. With a live model. Bring your own art supplies. Call to contact Clint. \$5. synopsisperformance.com. (707) 362-9392.

LECTURE

Marbled Murrelets off the Northern California Coast. 7 p.m. Six Rivers Masonic Lodge, 251 Bayside Road, Arcata. Craig Strong shares about his life among the birds, recent abundance estimates and population trends. In person and simultaneously Zoomed. Free. rras.org.

EVENTS

Crafting at the Grange. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Freshwater Grange, 48 Grange Road. Bring whatever project you're working on: sewing, knitting, crochet, needlepoint, spinning wheel, sketchpad, etc. \$5 suggested donation. freshwaterhall@gmail.com. (707) 498-9447.

OUTDOORS

Nature Quest. 2-5 p.m. Eureka Municipal Auditorium, 1120 F St. Wilderness immersion program for teens and adults. Explore trails and share mindfulness practices, group conversation and other eco-therapeutic activities. Adults meet Thursdays, teens meet one Saturday a month. Transportation provided for Eureka residents. Please pre-register. Free. swood2@eurekaca.gov. eurekaheroes.org. (707) 382-5338.

22 Friday

ART

Life Drawing Sessions. 10 a.m.-noon. Redwood Art Association Gallery, 603 F St., Eureka. Hosted by Joyce Jonté. \$10, cash or Venmo.

BOOKS

Weekly Preschool Story Time. Eureka Library, 1313 Third St. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in the children's

room. For children 2 to 6 years old with their caregivers. Other family members are welcome to join in the fun. Free. manthony@co.humboldt.ca.us. humlib.org. (707) 269-1910.

DANCE

Jammin Friday. Fourth Friday of every month, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Arcata Veterans Hall, 1425 J St. Monthly swing dance with a lesson at 7:30 p.m. (included in cover charge), music and dancing at 8:30 p.m. \$15 (w/band), \$10 (no band), free for U.S. military veterans. loverlipe@gmail.com. fb.me/e/Im-tainmOf. (707) 616-8484.

MOVIES

Howl's Moving Castle (2004). 7-10 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show 7 p.m. Movie 8 p.m. Rated PG. All ages. A young woman's only chance to break a spell lies with a self-indulgent young wizard in a walking castle in this Hayao Miyazaki animation. \$8, \$12 admission and poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/events/933319988209079. (707) 613-3030.

THEATER

Into the Woods. 7 p.m. Van Duzer Theatre, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. The hit Broadway musical intertwines Grimm fairy tales with songs and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by James Lapine. \$15, \$10 students and seniors.

EVENTS

Trivia Night. 6-8 p.m. Natural History Museum of Cal Poly Humboldt, 1242 G St., Arcata. Participants form teams competing to answer natural history and nature questions for prizes. \$6, \$3 NHM members. natus@humboldt.edu. humboldt.edu/natmus. (707) 826-4480.

FOR KIDS

Kid's Night at the Museum. 5:30-8 p.m. Redwood Discovery Museum, 612 G St., Eureka. Drop off your 3.5-12 year old for interactive exhibits, science experiments, crafts and games, exploring the planetarium, playing in the water table or jumping into the soft blocks. \$17-\$20. info@discovery-museum.org. discovery-museum.org/classesprograms.html. (707) 443-9694.

Weekly Preschool Storytime. Eureka Library, 1313 Third

St. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in the children's room. For children 2 to 6 years old with their caregivers and other family members. Free. manthony@co.humboldt.ca.us. humboldtgov.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=8274. (707) 269-1910.

FOOD

March for Meals Champions Day Lunch Fundraiser. 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Humboldt Senior Resource Center, 1910 California St., Eureka. Vendors donate a portion of proceeds to Meals on Wheels Redwood Coast. Food trucks include: Los Giles, Fusion Bites and Higher Grounds. Free. (707) 443-9747.

GARDEN

Sea Goat Farm Garden Volunteer Opportunities. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Help with animal care, weeding, watering, planting and occasional harvest help on Saturday mornings. Volunteers get free produce. flowerstone333@gmail.com. (530) 205-5882.

MEETINGS

Breastfeeding Circle. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. North Country Prenatal Services, 3800 Janes Rd, Unit 101, Arcata. New and expecting parents meet every second and fourth Friday of each month. Snacks provided. Hosted by an IBCLC with the Humboldt Birth Collective, Ink People and Open Door Community Health. Free.

SPORTS

Skate Night. 6:30-9 p.m. Eureka Municipal Auditorium, 1120 F St. All ages. First-come, first-served. No pre-registration needed. Maximum of 75 skaters. \$6, (18 and over), \$5 (17 and under).

23 Saturday

MOVIES

Eureka NAACP Flim Series. 6-8 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. Documentary: *Bill Russell: Legend*. Part one on Saturday. Part two on Sunday. Discussion follows. Free. arcataplayhouse.org.

MUSIC

Faisal Zedan and Gary Haggerty. 8-10:30 p.m. Synopsis Union, 1675 Union St., Eureka. An evening of traditional and original music from the Mediterranean diaspora. \$20, tickets at the door. derinque@gmail.com. (707) 845-4708.

THEATER

Into the Woods. 7:30 p.m. Van Duzer Theatre, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. See March 22 listing.

EVENTS

Ganjasaurus Rex Revue. 7 p.m. Mateel Community Center, 59 Rusk Lane, Redway. This locally produced film tells the history of Humboldt outlaw weed growers through a Godzilla-like creature. Ages 18 and up. G-Rex party at 8:30 p.m. with burlesque from Snack Attack and Bada Bling, and music from Irie Rockerz and Wolf Tree. Tickets online. Free, \$25, \$60 VIP for G-Rex party. tickets.mateel.org/.

Spooky Bingo. 5-9 p.m. Mad River Grange, 110 Hatchery Road, Blue Lake. Join kinetic sculpture team Hamtastic Glory for a FUNraiser with drinks, food and prizes. Come in costume to get a treat. \$10. HamtasticGlory@gmail.com. instagram.com/hamtasticglory/.

FOR KIDS

Bilingual Family Hike and Nature Treasure Hunt, Paseo Familiar y Búsqueda de Tesoro en la Naturaleza |. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Freshwater Farms Reserve, 5851 Myrtle Ave., Eureka. Join Cal Poly Humboldt ¡Échale Ganas!, Friends of the Dunes, and Northcoast Regional Land Trust for a nature treasure hunt. Ballet Folclórico Infantil de Arcata performans. Snacks, water and hot drinks provided. *¡Únase a CPH ¡Échale Ganas!, Friends of the Dunes, y Northcoast Regional Land Trust para una búsqueda de tesoro en la naturaleza! ¡Ballet Folclórico Infantil de Arcata ofrecerá una actuación también! Ven en familia para disfrutar una experiencia gratuita, divertida, educativa, y al aire libre. Habrá snacks, agua y bebidas calientes.* Free. m.moras-sutti@ncrlt.org. ncrlt.org/events/paseo-familiar-y-busqueda-de-tesoro-en-la-naturaleza-bilingual/. (707) 822-2242.

Tiempo de Cuentos/Spanish Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Fortuna Library, 753 14th St. *Cultiven la alfabetización temprana en sus niños con cuentos, canciones, rimas y diversión. Todos son bienvenidos, diseñado para edades 2-6 años. Aproximadamente 20-30 minutos.* Grow early literacy skills with stories, songs, rhymes and fun. All are welcome. Best suited for children 2-6 years old. Free/gratis.

FOOD

Pancake Breakfast. Fourth Saturday of every month, 8-11 a.m. Humboldt Grange #501, 5845 Humboldt Hill Road, Eureka. Serving pancakes or biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage (patties or links), coffee, tea, hot chocolate and juice. \$10, \$5 seniors and kids ages 5-12, free for kids under 5. 501.humboldt.grange@gmail.com. facebook.com/events/6920540234689920. (707) 442-4890.

Farm Stand. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Table Bluff Farm, 101 Clough Road, Loleta. Regeneratively grown seasonal veggies, flowers, meats and other items made by Humboldt County locals and small businesses. Cash, card, Venmo, Apple Pay and soon to accept EBT payments. info@tableblufffarm.com. TableBluffFarm.com. (707) 890-6699.

Sea Goat Farmstand. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Fresh veggies grown on site, local eggs and sourdough bread. Work from local artists and artisans. flowerstone333@gmail.com. (530) 205-5882.

GARDEN

Daffodils by the River. 1-5 p.m. Fortuna River Lodge, 1800 Riverwalk Drive. The Fortuna Garden Club presents the 47th annual juried daffodil show. Bring your cut stems

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of daffodils on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning to be judged. 500 potted daffodils for sale at the show. Free refreshments. Children welcome. Free admission, \$15/2-gallon potted daffodils. glenmarheather@yahoo.com. (707) 616-9555.

Ross Park Beautification Volunteer Workday. 10-11:30 a.m. Ross Park, M and 11th St., Eureka. Help rechip under the swing set, pick up trash and do general park maintenance. Snacks and supplies provided. All ages welcome, minors must have a parent or guardian present. Free. hatwood@eurekaca.gov. fb.me/e/3irXSKKX7. (707) 441-4218.

Sea Goat Farm Garden Volunteer Opportunities. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. See March 22 listing.

OUTDOORS

Arcata Marsh Field Trip. 8:30-11 a.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, South I Street. Bring your binoculars and meet trip leader Rob Fowler at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) for easy-to-walk trails. Free. www.rras.org.

FOAM Marsh Tour. 2 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Meet leader Lynn Jones in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on the human and natural history of the North Bay. Free. (707) 826-2359.

Habitat Restoration Volunteer Work Day. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Stagecoach Hill Azalea Reserve, 15336 Highway 101, Trinidad. Work with park staff to remove competing vegetation from around western azaleas. Gloves and tools are provided. All participants receive a free day pass to Sue-meg State Park. Rain/wind/smoke cancel. Meet at the Stagecoach Azalea trailhead off Kane Road/Big Lagoon Ranch Road near Mile Marker 112 on U.S. Highway 101. Free. desten.mertens@parks.ca.gov. (707) 677-3109.

Southern Humboldt Birding Field Trip. 8:30 a.m. Southern Humboldt Community Park, 1144 Sprowel Creek Road, Garberville. This walk includes 2-3 miles of gentle walking through riparian, grassland and mixed hardwood forests with bird species varying by season. Meet at the Tooby Park parking 1 mile west of Garberville on Sprowl Creek Road. Free. rras.org. (707) 296-8720.

Wigi Wetlands Volunteer Workday. 9-11 a.m. Wigi Wetlands, Behind the Bayshore Mall, Eureka. Help create bird-friendly native habitats and restore a section of the bay trail by removing invasive plants and trash behind the Bayshore Mall. Meet in the parking lot directly behind Walmart. Tools, gloves and packaged snacks provided. Please bring your own drinking water. Free. jeremy.cashen@yahoo.com. rras.org. (214) 605-7368.

ETC

Thursday-Friday-Saturday Canteen. 3-9 p.m. Redwood Empire VFW Post 1872, 1018 H St., Eureka. Enjoy a cold beverage in the canteen with comrades. Play pool or darts. If you're a veteran, this place is for you. Free. PearceHansen999@outlook.com. (707) 443-5331.

24 Sunday

MOVIES

Eureka NAACP Film Series. 6-8 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. See March 23 listing.

Napoleon Dynamite (2004). 5-8 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show 5 p.m. Movie at 6 p.m. Rated PG. All ages. A teenager with an odd family helps his friend win the class presidency in a small western high school. \$8, \$12 admission and poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/events/1223138368493624. (707) 613-3030.

MUSIC

All Level Samba Drumming. 12:30-2:30 p.m. HLOC's Space, 92 Sunny Brae Center, Arcata. Drums provided, no experience necessary, beginners welcome, or hone your skills. \$10-\$20 sliding scale. samba.arcata@gmail.com. facebook.com/groups/148184078578411.

Bach On! 4 p.m. Christ Episcopal Church, 1428 H St., Eureka. String orchestra music from the ages with emphasis on the baroque, especially Bach, Handel, Vivaldi and contemporaries. Donations. reid.blickenstaff1970@gmail.com. (360) 990-3790.

Middle Eastern Percussion Workshops with Faisal Zedan. 10:30 a.m.-noon & 1-2:30 p.m. Synapsis Union, 1675 Union St., Eureka. Accomplished percussionist Faisal Zedan gives two drumming workshops. Beginner level in the morning, intermediate/advanced in the afternoon. Loaner drums available. \$30, no one turned away for lack of funds. derinque@gmail.com. (707) 845-4708.

THEATER

Into the Woods. 2 p.m. Van Duzer Theatre, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. See March 22 listing.

EVENTS

French Toast Jazz Brunch. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata. Live jazz music and French toast brunch. Free for music, \$10-\$25 for food. sanctuaryarcata.org.

HUMDOG Dog Expo. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, 3750 Harris St., Eureka. More than 30 breeds, exhibits and demos of dog agility, obedience, tricks, barn hunt, sled dogs, disc dog and fetch. Talk with dog owners, vendors, trainers and rescue groups. Learn about breeds more. Scavenger hunt with prizes for children 5-12 and a drawing at 3:30 p.m. benefitting the spay/neuter fund. No outside pets. Free, donations accepted. humdog.org. (707) 444-3862.

Spring Cleaning Rummage Sale. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata. Rummage sale upstairs, food and music downstairs at the brunch. sanctuaryarcata.org.

FOOD

Food Not Bombs. 4 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Free, hot food for everyone. Mostly vegan and organic and always delicious. Free.

GARDEN

Daffodils by the River. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fortuna River Lodge, 1800 Riverwalk Drive. See March 23 listing.

SPORTS

Eureka Radio Controlled Car Track Fundraiser. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Eureka Municipal Auditorium, 1120 F St. R/C vehicle races, opportunity drawing, R/C car show and shine with a \$5 entry fee per car. Loaner cars available. Proceeds go toward building an R/C track in Eureka. All ages welcome, minors must be supervised by parents/guardians. \$7. jthomas@eurekaca.gov. facebook.com/events/892142955727794. (707) 441-4080.

25 Monday

ART

Life Drawing Sessions. 6-8 p.m. Redwood Art Association Gallery, 603 F St., Eureka. See March 22 listing.

ETC

Homeshaaring Info Session. 9:30-10 a.m. and 1-1:30 p.m. This informational Zoom session will go over the steps and safeguards of Area 1 Agency on Aging's matching process and the different types of homeshare partnerships. Email for the link. Free. homeshare@alaa.org. alaa.org/home-sharing. (707) 442-3763.

26 Tuesday

ART

Ambient Cafe. Fourth Tuesday of every month, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata. Monthly space for creatives with curated musical performances. Write, draw, paint, relax. Coffee, tea and baked goods available for purchase. Donations encouraged. together@sanctuaryarcata.org. sanctuaryarcata.org.

DANCE

Baywater Blues Fusion Dance. 7:15-9:15 p.m. The Historic Eagle House, 139 Second St., Eureka. Half hour dance lesson followed by social dancing. Come solo or with a friend to learn and enjoy partner dancing to blues and modern music. \$5-\$15 sliding, free for kids 12 and under. baywaterbluesfusion@gmail.com. facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089815497848. (707) 496-4056.

MOVIES

Milk Can (2005) Screening. 5-8 p.m. Access Humboldt - College of the Redwoods Campus - Building 10, 7351 Tompkins Hill Road, Eureka. A rivalry of the ages between Ferndale and Fortuna comes to a head during a storm that cancels the annual football match. Q&A with filmmaker Matt Kresling follows. Free. info@accesshumboldt.net. accesshumboldt.net. (707) 443-9352.

SPOKEN WORD

Word Humboldt Spoken Word Open Mic. 6-9 p.m. Northtown Coffee, 1603 G St., Arcata. Sign up list goes up at 6 p.m., and the open mic kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Two rounds of open mic poetry and a featured poet. Everyone is welcome, especially new performers. LGBTQ+ friendly. Free. instagram.com/wordhum.

MEETINGS

Humboldt Cribbage Club Tournament. 6:15-9 p.m. Moose Lodge, 4328 Campton Road, Eureka. Weekly six-game cribbage tournament for experienced players. Inexperienced players may watch, learn and play on the side. Moose dinner available at 5:30 p.m. \$3-\$8. 31for14@gmail.com. (707) 599-4605.

Humboldt Stamp Collectors' Club. Fourth Tuesday of every month, 6-8 p.m. Humboldt Senior Resource Center, 1910 California St., Eureka. New collectors and experts welcome. Learn about stamps, collecting and see local experts in stamps share their collections. Free. humstampclub@gmail.com.

Toastmasters International. Fourth Tuesday of every month, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Virtual World, Online. Members meet to deliver and evaluate prepared and impromptu speeches to improve as speakers and leaders. Meetings stream at <https://tinyurl.com/zoomwithmidday> and <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9239283290>. distinguished@rocketmail.com. 4139toastmastersclubs.org. (855) 402-8255.

ETC

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27 Wednesday

MOVIES

Sci-Fi Night: Death Bed: The Bed That Eats (1977). 6-9 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show 6 p.m. Raffle 7:30 p.m. Main feature 7:35 p.m. Not Rated. All ages. (16 and under parent/guardian suggested). A bed possessed

by a demon spirit consumes its users alive. \$5, \$9 admission and poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/events/388899593744298. (707) 613-3030.

MUSIC

Allison, Cardenas, Nash. 8 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. Bassist Ben Allison, guitarist Steve Cardenas and saxophonist Ted Nash model their trio after Jimmy Giuffre's drummerless units of the 1950s and 1960s, incorporating elements of blues and folk while also embracing free playing. \$20, \$15 students/seniors. arcataplayhouse.org.

FOR KIDS

Escape Room for Teens and Tweens. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Eureka Library, 1313 Third St. Tweens and teens solve puzzles and riddles to win a prize. Bring a buddy or come alone and team up with a new friend. Free. flujan@co.humboldt.ca.us. humlib.org. (707) 269-1910.

GARDEN

Sea Goat Farm Garden Volunteer Opportunities. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. See March 22 listing.

MEETINGS

Humboldt Health Care for All. Fourth Wednesday of every month, 5-6:30 p.m. The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata. Humboldt Health Care for All/Physicians for a National Health Program meet by Zoom every fourth Wednesday. Email for meeting link. healthcareforallhumboldt@gmail.com. sanctuaryarcata.org.

OUTDOORS

Arcata Marsh Mid Week Field Trip. 5:30-7 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, South I Street. Join trip leader Janelle Chojnacki for an easy-going marsh evening walk. Take advantage of the longer days and explore the marsh in the evening. Meet at the end of I Street (Klopp Lake). Free. www.rras.org.

28 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. See March 21 listing.

THEATER

Edgar Allan Poe Speakeasy. 8-9:30 p.m. The Historic Eagle House, 139 Second St., Eureka. A chilling experience that brings four of Poe's stories to the stage as told through the Poe Historians, pairing them with four classic cocktails. \$45. events@historiceaglehouse.com. facebook.com/61550536285608/posts/pfbid0fs-J3fYz5qgnPw7ZFQyv641fhG9hGQgEo3h9dWBf4JLhQorsvHLw7wLNeTLM7GFI/?mibextid=Nif5oz. (707) 444-3344.

GARDEN

Eureka Rhododendron Society: Propagating Rhododendrons and Companion Plants. 7-9 p.m. Eureka Woman's Club, 1531 J St. Learn to propagate rhododendrons and other plants from Atsuko Gibson of the Rhododendron Species Garden in Washington. eurekaRhody.org/.

OUTDOORS

Nature Quest. 2-5 p.m. Eureka Municipal Auditorium, 1120 F St. See March 21 listing.

OUT 4 Business. Last Thursday of every month, 5-7 p.m. Phatsy Kline's Parlor Lounge, 139 Second St., Eureka. An LGBTQ+ Professionals Networking Mixer providing an open and welcoming environment for all people of the LGBTQ+ community as well as friends, allies and business

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Heads Up ...

The Board of Trustees of the Arcata School District is looking for a qualified person to join the board for the remainder of the term (until the November election). Application online at arcataschooldistrict.org. Completed applications must be received in the District Office no later than 5 p.m. on April 3.

Area 1 Agency on Aging seeks volunteer HICAP counselors in Humboldt and Del Norte counties to help Medicare beneficiaries navigate enrollment and to understand insurance options. HICAP counselors provide impartial information to assist clients in making informed healthcare decisions. Visit alaa.org or contact Shauna McKenna at volunteer@alaa.org or call (707) 502-7688.

Groups and organizations planning summer youth programs, camps and activities in Curry, Del Norte and Humboldt counties have until April 15 to apply for grants of \$500 to \$3,000 offered by the Summer Youth Partnership grant program. For more information, call (707) 442-2993 or email grants@hafoundation.org.

Sanctuary Forest Scholarship application is live. Applicants must be college-bound seniors with a demonstrated interest in and active involvement in environmental issues. The application is available online at bit.ly/2024SFscholarship or contact Anna at (707) 986-1087 x 9# or anna@sanctuaryforest.org. Deadline April 1.

Registration is open for North Coast Open Studios, taking place May 31-June 9. NCOS is open to artists of all ages, skill level, and media, including artisan manufacturers, and welcomes all creative spaces from home to plein air. Deadline to register is March 29. Online registration: northcoastopenstudios.com. For more information, call (707) 442-8413.

The Wiyot Tribe and North Coast Repertory Theatre announce auditions for a staged reading of WUSATOU-MUDUK: We Make It Burn, a new multi-media stage play about cultural fire. Seeking coastally based Native actors of ages 15-100 and all abilities. Experience appreciated but not necessary. Email northcoastrepertory@gmail.com with the heading "Cultural Fire, Auditions" by March 25. Include your experience, whether you are a performer or writer, and a brief description of your interest in the project. Acting auditions held in April.

Entries now being accepted for Student Bird Art Contest. Friends of the Arcata Marsh and Redwood Region Audubon Society are co-sponsoring a Student Bird Art Contest in

conjunction with the Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival. Up to \$650 in prizes may be awarded to Humboldt County students from kindergarten through high school who submit a drawing of one of 40 suggested species or another locally seen bird. Complete rules to submit entries, plus a list of suggested birds to draw, is posted at godwitdays.org or can be picked up at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center. Entries must be received by 5 p.m., March 23. Questions should be e-mailed to sueleskiwl@gmail.com.

Redwood Region Audubon Society is sponsoring its 19th annual Student Nature Writing Contest. Up to six cash prizes will be awarded for the best essay(s) or poem(s) on "What Nature Means to Me" by Humboldt or Del Norte County students in grades 4 through 12. Deadline is March 23. More info at rras.org, godwitdays.org or at the Marsh Interpretive Center. Email questions to sueleskiwl@gmail.com.

The Humboldt Branch of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is seeking applications for its Edilith Eckart/Jene McCovey Memorial Peace Scholarship. The scholarship grants support projects that promote peace and social and environmental justice locally or globally. Grants range from \$150-\$500. Applications due April 1. More info at wilphumboldt.wordpress.com/scholarship-information.

Area 1 Agency on Aging and Senior Planet seek volunteers to equip older adults in Del Norte and Humboldt counties with essential technological skills. Volunteers should be comfortable with basic device use and online navigation. Contact volunteer@alaa.org, visit alaa.org to complete a Volunteer Interest Form, or call (707) 502-7688.

Volunteers are needed to help the Eureka Emergency Overnight Warming Center. Sign up at us11ist-manage.com/survey?u=ec8e886b7cc3cc023d2beee76&id=c-54604c013&e=ad03f624d3.

Teen Court Adult Mentor volunteers needed. Volunteers needed in Fortuna and Eureka. Help student advocates prep for cases and assist with the hearing process. You do not have to be an attorney, just a caring community member. Volunteer in Fortuna on Wednesday afternoons or in Eureka on Thursday afternoons. Contact hteencourt@bgcredwoods.org or (707) 444-0153.

Area 1 Agency on Aging seeks volunteers to help with rides to medical appointments, educate and assist people to make informed decisions about Medicare options, advocate for residents in nursing homes, assist with matching home providers and home seekers, or teach technology training to older adults. Apply at alaa.org/volunteer-interest-form.

Become a volunteer at Hospice of Humboldt. For more information about becoming a volunteer or about services provided by Hospice of Humboldt, call (707) 267-9813 or visit hospiceofhumboldt.org. ●

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Love Lies Bleeding's Genre Breakthrough

By John J. Bennett
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LOVE LIES BLEEDING. One might not have suspected there was room to develop new sub-genres within film noir, much less imagined that hyper-stylized, ultra-violent, Southwestern lesbian romance bodybuilding revenge noir could prove such a fertile and vibrant one. This lack of vision is forgivable, both because almost nobody could have foreseen this development and because we have Rose Glass to show us the way. With only her second feature (after *Saint Maud* in 2019, which I now must see), Glass and co-writer Weronika Tofilska, under the aegis of current cinema saviors A24, has synthesized a great number of disparate influences into a feverishly innovative version of the classic imperiled lovers archetype.

Somewhere near the Mexican border, circa 1989, Lou (Kristen Stewart) toils ingloriously in a seedy little gym. She is estranged from her bald-pated ghoul of a father, also Lou (Ed Harris), who controls a network of businesses, legitimate and otherwise. Her brother-in-law JJ (Dave Franco), hot on Lou Sr.'s heels in the race to be the biggest shitbag in the world, routinely beats her sister Beth (Jena Malone) within inches of her life and philanders frequently. Irritated by the unceasing affections of lap-dog Daisy (Anna Baryshnikov), unfulfilled in all sectors of her life and haunted by her past misdeeds, Lou is trapped by her (ultimately futile) compulsion to protect Beth. Into this warped little domestic drama hitchhikes Jackie (Katy O'Brian), an itinerant bodybuilder en route to Las Vegas to realize her competitive dream. As soon as she hits town, Jackie becomes entangled with the whole clan, taking a job as a waitress at Lou Sr.'s gun-club/roadhouse and working out at little Lou's gym. She and Lou enter a lethal, impassioned love affair and, in short order, bodies begin to accumulate.


Love Lies Bleeding strikes me as a hopeful signpost along the road to the cinematic future, an indication that there is, despite so much evidence to the

contrary, room for movies with ambitions grander than their budget and scale. At its essence, the movie is very much of a type, a sort of noir potboiler brought to lurid life with the vision and assuredness of a director with something new to contribute. I'm not entirely sure why this story needs to be set when it is, but it speaks to both A24's faith in creators and to Glass's imagination and versatility that the setting feels integral to the story. Nothing within the context of the movie belabors the historiography of the piece, nor does that element of its design seem forced in any way. Instead, the seedy sweatiness of gun-worshipping late-'80s border-adjacent America, hideous haircuts, high-cut exercise shorts and all, is as much a part of the movie as its interecine revenge arc.

Which is part and parcel of the deceptive care with which *Love Lies Bleeding* is designed and executed. There are innumerable examples of movies attempting a similar balance of style and sincerity, grime, grotesquerie and goodness, that have fallen victim to their own unbalanced impulses. More often than not, grossness and artifice overwhelm the integrity of the storytelling and the effect of the thing is completely undone. Glass, with her creative team, has done the nearly impossible here, though, treading delicately past the pitfalls of artistic indulgence. As a result, *Love Lies Bleeding* can sustain some of its outlandish flourishes (horror-show prostheses and magical-realist interludes among them) with undaunted devotion to a holistic vision of its story and the world in which it takes place.


This could all easily come to nothing without appropriately cast and directed actors, and the success of the whole owes as much to Stewart, O'Brian, et al, as it does to the minds behind the camera. Stewart, as has become her trademark, works actively against her movie-idolism, playing Lou with innervated, deep-rooted

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If the love doesn't come with an '80s workout montage, I don't want it.

Love Lies Bleeding

insecurity underpinned by a deadly set of skills. It doesn't hurt that her comic timing is perfect, punctuating the bloodletting with seemingly effortless infusions of humor. And O'Brian, as a semi-delusional aspirant plunging headlong into a bizarre future to escape the past, is revelatory, the perfect corrupted innocent, a more self-aware Lennie to Stewart's long-suffering George.

I could list the reference points I observed within *Love Lies Bleeding* but it would be a pointless exercise because the movie's great achievement is in transcending influence, or at least in successfully drawing from them to create something refreshingly new. Sexy, funny, gory and scary, with a precisely measured degree of nastiness, it is a finely wrought example of filmmaking as the height of creative recombination and of genre as the gateway to its own transcendence. R. 104M. MINOR. ●

John J. Bennett (he/him) is a movie nerd who loves a good car chase.

NOW PLAYING

ARTHUR THE KING. Marky Mark teams up with a dog because I guess the drunk Teddy Bear and racist POS Mel Gibson are busy. PG13. 90M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

BOB MARLEY: ONE LOVE. Biopic on the life of the legendary musician. Starring Kingsley Ben-Adir and Lashana Lynch. PG13. 105M. BROADWAY.

CABRINI. An Italian immigrant (Chris-

tina Dell'Anna) fights city hall in 1889 New York City on behalf of needy orphaned children. PG13. 145M. BROADWAY.

DUNE: PART TWO. More Zendaya in the second installment of the spicy sci-fi epic. PG13. 166M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

GHOSTBUSTERS: FROZEN EMPIRE. Remaining original cast members (Bill Murray, Ernie Hudson, Dan Aykroyd, Annie Potts) team up with a new generation. With Paul Rudd. PG13. 115M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

IMAGINARY. Blumhouse horror about an imaginary friend bent on revenge after being put aside with childhood things. PG13. 104M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

IMMACULATE. Sydney Sweeney stars as a nun in a very scary convent. R. 89M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

KUNG FU PANDA 4. Jack Black returns to voice the roly-poly warrior with legend James Hong, Awkwafina and Viola Davis. PG. 94M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

LATE NIGHT WITH THE DEVIL. Satan is unleashed during a 1970s talk show, which sounds about right. R. 93M. BROADWAY.

MET OPERA: ROMÉO ET JULIETTE. Shakespearean tragedy starring soprano Nadine Sierra and tenor Benjamin Bernheim under Yannick Nézet-Séguin's music direction. NR. 210M. MINOR.

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ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!

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4. China, long ago (as seen in an airline name)

10. "Blueberries for ____" (award-winning kids' book)

13. Chicken ____ king

14. Max for tax calculation

15. Bird that's not native to Tasmania

16. Radio personality who's good at archery?

18. With "The," 1970s musical Oz remake

19. Scorched

20. Notable time period

21. Bionicles maker

22. "Return of the Jedi" princess

23. Actor who's good at pressing clothes?

26. July in Marseille

27. Pilot-licensing org.

28. Show grief

29. Cardinals' cap initials

30. ____ nous (confidentially)

33. Ceremony performed by a mohel

36. Actress/TV host who's good at economics?

39. "SNL" alum Horatio

40. Search site with an exclamation point

41. N, S, E, or W

42. Talk trash about

45. Write-____ (some nominees)

46. Number of three-letter chemical elements

47. Blues rocker who's good at hauling stuff?

52. Prefix for drama

53. "Roots" author Haley

54. "Anchorman" anchorman Burgundy

55. Colts' fathers

56. Big wheel

57. Rapper/actor who's good at holding together documents?

60. Vow words

61. Curse-inducing stare

62. Graceful shade tree

63. ____ Moines, Iowa

64. Picks up for another year

65. "The Waste Land" author's monogram

DOWN

1. Sings like a bird

2. Montreal CFLers

3. English actress Wilde of "Carrie" and "Wonder Woman 1984"

4. ____ au vin (French dish)

5. Kwik-E-Mart owner

6. Director Lars von ____

7. Le ____ (French seaport)

8. Starting lineup

9. The Beatles' " ____ Blues"

10. "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" setting

11. Fernando's friend

12. Largest island of the Philippines

14. It's a blast

17. ____ minute

21. Scales of the zodiac

23. 1998 Wimbledon champ Novotna

24. Food package date, informally

25. Yokels, in Australian slang

27. Andre the Giant's role in "The Princess Bride"

31. Irish actor Stephen

32. Body of morals

34. Companion that's great for apartments (and won't run off)

35. They're found in the epidermis

37. Alphabetical listing

38. Sound the horn

42. Phrase on tote bags and plastic containers

44. Try hard

47. Michelangelo masterpiece

48. Bypass a vowel

49. Auctioned autos, often

50. "Rise of the ____" (PlayStation game coming out on March 22)

51. Mom's brother

52. ____ de los Muertos

55. ____-Therese, Quebec

57. To see, in Tijuana

58. "That's disgusting"

59. Pt. of CBS

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS TO BRUTE FORCE

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The petition for probate requests that ROUGHEN LEE DERING be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 11, 2024 at 1:31 p.m. at the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, in Dept.: 4, Room: 4

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Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Kenneth M. Bareilles Attorney at Law 533 E Street eureka, CA 95501 707-443-9338 Filed: March 15, 2024 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

3/21, 3/28, 4/4/2024 (24-100)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BETTY L. TREDER aka BETTY TREDER CASE NO. PR2400058

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On April 10, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., Mid Valley Title and Escrow Company, Trustee, or Successor Trustee or Substituted Trustee of that certain Deed of Trust executed by Lisa Kay Caldwell, an unmarried woman, and recorded July 19, 2018 as Instrument No. 2018-013342, of Official Records of Humboldt, California, and pursuant to that certain Notice of Default thereunder recorded December 14, 2023 as Instrument No. 2023-017775, of Official Records of said County, will under and pursuant to said Deed of Trust sell at public auction for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, a cashier's check payable to said Trustee drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, at the front entrance to the County Courthouse at 825 5th Street, Eureka, CA 95501, all that right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: shown on said Deed of Trust (X)The street address or other common designation of said property: 41717 State Highway 299, Willow Creek, CA 95573 (X)Name and address of the beneficiary at whose request the sale is being conducted: Hawley Trust, PO Box 3044, Monterey, CA 93942 Directions to the above property may be obtained by requesting same in writing from the beneficiary within 10 days from the first publication of this notice. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, as to title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the unpaid balance due on the note or notes secured by said Deed of Trust, plus estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Sale: \$82,634.12 NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED JULY 16, 2018 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-916-939-0772 or visit this internet website: <http://www.nationwideposting.com> address for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 7066535. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website <http://www.nationwideposting.com>. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 1-916-939-0772, or visit this internet website <http://www.nationwideposting.com>, using the file number assigned to this case 7066535 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. The undersigned mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent for the mortgagee or beneficiary declares that the mortgagee or beneficiary has satisfied the requirements of California Civil Code 2923.5. DATED: 03/14/2024 MID VALLEY TITLE AND ESCROW COMPANY Address: 601 Main St., Chico, CA 95928 Phone: (530) 893-5644 BY: GREG WOOD, FORECLOSURE OFFICER NPP0458205 To: NORTH COAST JOURNAL

03/21/2024, 03/28/2024, 04/04/2024

Auctioneer David Johnsnon bond #9044453
Dated this 14th day of March and 21st day of March, 2024

3/14, 3/21/2024 (24-086)


FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00042
The following person is doing Business as
Lost Coast Aquatics

Humboldt
1681 Hideaway Ct A

McKinleyville, CA 95519
PO Box 677
Fortuna, CA 95540

**Michael K Nichols
PO Box 677
Fortuna, CA 95540**

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable.



**ARCATA SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUBLIC NOTICE
SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY**

A vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees of the Arcata School District, effective February 12, 2024. The Board of Trustees is seeking a qualified person to join the Board for the remainder of the term (until the November 2024 election). Please consider joining Board President Brian Hudgens, Board Clerk Christine Ng, and Trustees Anna KT McClure and John Schmidt in promoting student achievement and successfully guiding the District into the future.

Pursuant to Education Code sections 5091 and 5328, the Board of Trustees of the Arcata School District intends to appoint a qualified person to the Board to fulfill this vacancy. Qualifications include being at least 18 years of age and a registered voter, and applicants must live within the designated trustee area. Area 3 is in north Arcata between Highway 101 west to the Westwood neighborhood and Wyatt Lane, and 17th Street north to 27th Street. To determine which trustee area you live in, use the interactive map developed by the District at <http://arcg.is/mH9L9> by entering an address in the search tool at the upper right.

Persons interested in applying may obtain an application online at arcataschooldistrict.org, or by calling or writing to Superintendent Luke Biesecker at (707) 822-0351, ext. 101; superintendent@arcatasd.org; or 1435 Buttermilk Lane, Arcata CA 95521.

Completed applications must be received in the District Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. The current members of the Board of Trustees will interview applicants in open session at a meeting on Monday, April 8. The successful applicant will be seated at that meeting and shall be afforded all the powers and duties of a Board member upon appointment.

Persons desiring to submit questions for the Board's consideration in connection with the interview process may submit suggested questions in writing to the District Office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

LAS AUTORIDADES DE VIVIENDA DE LA CIUDAD DE EUREKA Y DEL CONDADO DE HUMBOLDT ACTUALMENTE ESTÁN ACEPTANDO APLICACIONES PARA TODOS LOS PROGRAMAS.

Los programas de la ciudad son Eureka Public Housing y Eureka Family Housing, que ofrece las unidades de 1, 2, 3, y 4-cuartos así como la silla de rueda accesible unidades para la movilidad deteriorada, y Eureka Senior Housing ofrece unidades con sólo 1 dormitorio (62 años o mayores). Los programas de la ciudad están ubicados dentro de los límites de la ciudad de Eureka.

El programa del condado es Sección 8 asistencia basada en inquilino, que incluye una nueva asignación de cupones de Mainstream y Vales de Vivienda Emergencia.

Anteriormente llamado sección 8, este es el programa principal del gobierno federal para ayudar a familias de bajos ingresos, ancianos y discapacitados a pagar viviendas decentes, seguras y sanitarias en el mercado privado. La asistencia de Vivienda se proporciona en nombre de la familia o individuo, por lo que los participantes pueden encontrar su vivienda, incluyendo viviendas unifamiliares, casas adosadas y apartamentos. El participante es libre de elegir alquileres disponibles en todo el condado que cumplan con los requisitos del programa y no se limite a unidades ubicadas en proyectos específicos de viviendas subsidiadas.

Las aplicaciones están disponibles mediante solicitud a la Autoridad de Vivienda. Llame a (707) 443-4583 o envíe un correo electrónico a frontdesk@eurekahumboldttha.org para solicitudes, o imprima desde nuestro sitio web, www.eurekahumboldttha.org.

Las autoridades de Vivienda son organizaciones de oportunidades iguales de Vivienda



I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Michael Keith Nichols
This January 24, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by JR, Humboldt County Clerk

2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21 (24-072)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00063
The following person is doing Business as
I & I FARMS

Humboldt
2335 ½ Hoooven Rd
McKinleyville, CA 95519

**Ino Hubbard-Riley
2335 Hoooven Rd
McKinleyville, CA 95519**

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on April 13, 2002
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Ino Lani Hubbard-Riley
This February 5, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4/2024 (24-085)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00072
The following person is doing Business as
NAVARRETE CLEANING SERVICES AND LANDSCAPING

Humboldt
3220 Redwood Dr # 17
Redway, CA 95560

PO Box 713
Redway, CA 95560

**Martina Navarrete
3220 Redwood Dr #17
Redway, CA 95560**

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on October 2, 2023
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a

misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Martina Navarrete, Proprietor
This February 8, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk

3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11/2024 (24-090)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00075
The following person is doing Business as
ACSA Humboldt Charter

Humboldt
801 Myrtle Avenue
Eureka, CA 95501

**Association of California School Administrators
CA C0620800
1029 J Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95814**

The business is conducted by a Corporation
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Luke Biesecker, Treasurer (ACSA Humboldt Charter)
This February 8, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by JR, Deputy Clerk

2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21 (24-070)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00081
The following person is doing Business as
PAINTED COW

Humboldt
1426 Port Kenyon Rd
Ferndale, CA 95536

**Lance G Jameton
1426 Port Kenyon Rd
Ferndale, CA 95536**

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Lance Jameton, Owner
This February 13, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk

3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28/2024 (24-075)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00086
The following person is doing Business as
THE ARCATA NOTARY

Humboldt
1333 Grant Ave
Arcata, CA 95521

**Amber C Bennett
1333 Grant Ave
Arcata, CA 95521**

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on January 31, 2024
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Amber C Bennett, Owner
This January 31, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk

3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4/2024 (24-088)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00094
The following person is doing Business as
BLINX & BEAUTY

Humboldt
2019 Central Ave
McKinleyville, CA 95519

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00094
The following person is doing Business as
BLINX & BEAUTY

Humboldt
2019 Central Ave
McKinleyville, CA 95519

4786 Valley East Blvd Apt C
Arcata, CA 95521

**Na-Tausha S Donahue
2019 Central Ave
McKinleyville, CA 95519**

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on February 19, 2024
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Na-Tausha Donahue, Owner
This February 20, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21/2024 (24-067)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00108
The following person is doing Business as
Bonominis Market

Humboldt
3800 Little Fairfield
Eureka, CA 95503

**Makhan/Baljit, Inc.
CA 3273473
3800 Little Fairfield
Eureka, CA 95503**

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
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/s Makhan Purewel, President
This February 22, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21 (24-077)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00109
The following person is doing Business as
EDEN INTERIORS/YOU HAD ME AT RAMEN/BOMBIN RAMEN

Humboldt
555 Wagle Lane
McKinleyville, CA 95519

**Lisa J Springer
555 Wagle Lane
McKinleyville, CA 95519**

**Wilbur C Springer
555 Wagle Lane
McKinleyville, CA 95519**

The business is conducted by a Married Couple.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on February 26, 2024
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Lisa Springer, Owner
This February 26, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11/2024 (24-099)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00111
The following person is doing Business as
North State Pure Maintenance

Humboldt
40001 Hwy 36
Bridgeville, CA 95526

**Ronald T Mattson
40001 hwy 36
Bridgeville, CA 95526**

The business is conducted by an Individual.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Ronald R Mattson, Individual Owner
This February 26, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jc, Deputy Clerk

2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21 (24-073)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00113

The following person is doing Business as
ESPERANZA DEL MAR

Humboldt
1448 G Street
Arcata, CA 95521

Michelle E Stapp
1448 G Street
Arcata, CA 95521

The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on February 27, 2024 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Michelle Stapp, Owner
This February 27, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28/2024 (24-076)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00136

The following person is doing Business as
COMMON COMPLIANCE CONSULTING

Humboldt
247 Lawson Lane
Ferndale, CA 95536

Bonnie L Wright
247 Lawson Lane
Ferndale, CA 95536

The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on March 1, 2024 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the regis-

trant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Bonnie L. Wright, Owner
This March 11, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk

3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4/2024 (24-089)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00141

The following person is doing Business as
JO'DEANS FARM

Humboldt
2706 I Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Bridget L Riggins
2706 I Street
Eureka, CA 95501

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/s Bridget Riggins, Owner
This February 12, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk

3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11/2024 (24-091)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00148

The following person is doing Business as
MCKINLEYVILLE BARBERSHOP

Humboldt
1514 City Center Rd
McKinleyville, CA 95519

LeRoy Murrell
1514 City Center Rd
McKinleyville, CA 95519

Kenneth J Murrell
1514 City Center Rd
McKinleyville, CA 95519

The business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on March 15, 1971 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s LeRoy Murrell, Owner
This March 11, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk

3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11/2024 (24-101)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00153

The following person is doing Business as
NAIL TRIP

Humboldt
12 Wabash St
Eureka, CA 95501

2015 B St Apt
Eureka, CA 95501

Kassandra A Rice
12 Wabash St
Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on January 3, 2023 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Kassandra Rice, Owner
This March 15, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk

3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11/2024 (24-094)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NO. CV2400472
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF
HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH ST.
EUREKA, CA. 95501

PETITION OF:
KARA NIGHTINGALE
for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name
CAELYNNE SKY KNIGHT
to Proposed Name
CAELYNNE SKY NIGHTINGALE
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: May 17, 2024
Time: 1:45 p.m., Dept. 4 Room 4
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH
STREET EUREKA, CA 95501

To appear remotely, check in advance of the hearing for information about how to do so on the

A Celebration
of Life for
Solon B.
Holstein, PhD

It will take place on
April 7, 2024
at 1:00 PM
at Temple Beth El,
3233 T St,
Eureka, CA.

LEGAL NOTICES

court's website. To find your court's website, go to www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm.

Date: March 14, 2024
Filed: March 14, 2024
/s/ John T Feeney
Judge of the Superior Court

3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11/2024 (24-092)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00159

The following person is doing Business as
DAYLEE SPICE CO.

Humboldt
1404 N St
Eureka, CA 95501

Tristin L Roberts
1404 N St
Eureka, CA 95501

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/s Tristin Roberts, Owner
This March 19, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk

3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11/2024 (24-102)

LEGALS?

County Public Notices

Fictitious Business

Petition to
Administer Estate

Trustee Sale

Other Public Notices

442-1400 x314



Carol J. Lauer

It is with heavy heart that I announce the passing of my beloved mother, Carol J. Lauer, who departed on March 7, with her adoring daughter by her side.

Carol was born in Berkeley, California in 1930 to Dagmar (Larson) Knudsen and Morris Knudsen. She was preceded in death by her devoted husband of 70 years, Richard, her sister Elaine Hesemeyer, brother Tommy Knudsen, and son David Lauer.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter Linda Anderson, granddaughter Beth Elasowich and husband Adam Elasowich, two great-granddaughters, Rosemary and Marigold, grandson Aaron Lauer, his daughter Annette, and nephew Jeff Hesemeyer.

Carol deeply valued her friendships, and her numerous cherished friends were an integral part of her life. Though impossible to name them all, she expressed immense gratitude for the joy and support they brought her.

In accordance with Carol's wishes, there will be no funeral or memorial service. A private gathering to celebrate her life will be arranged at a later date.



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prior to publication date.



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EUREKA, CA 95501
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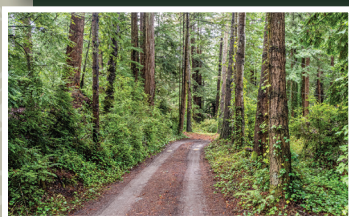


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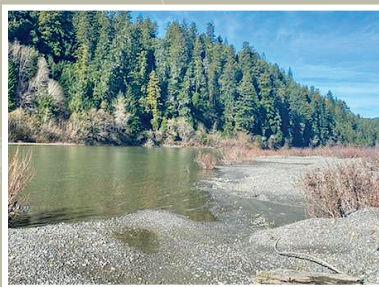
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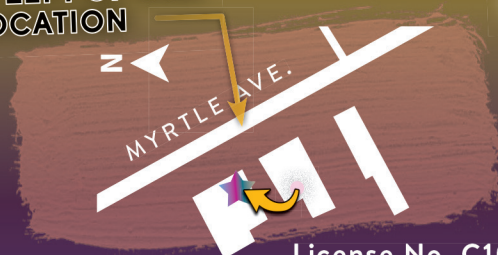


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